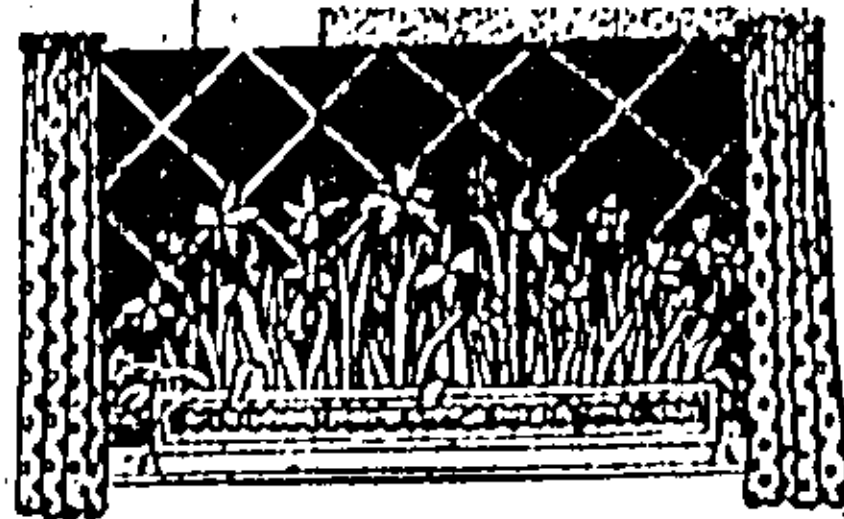




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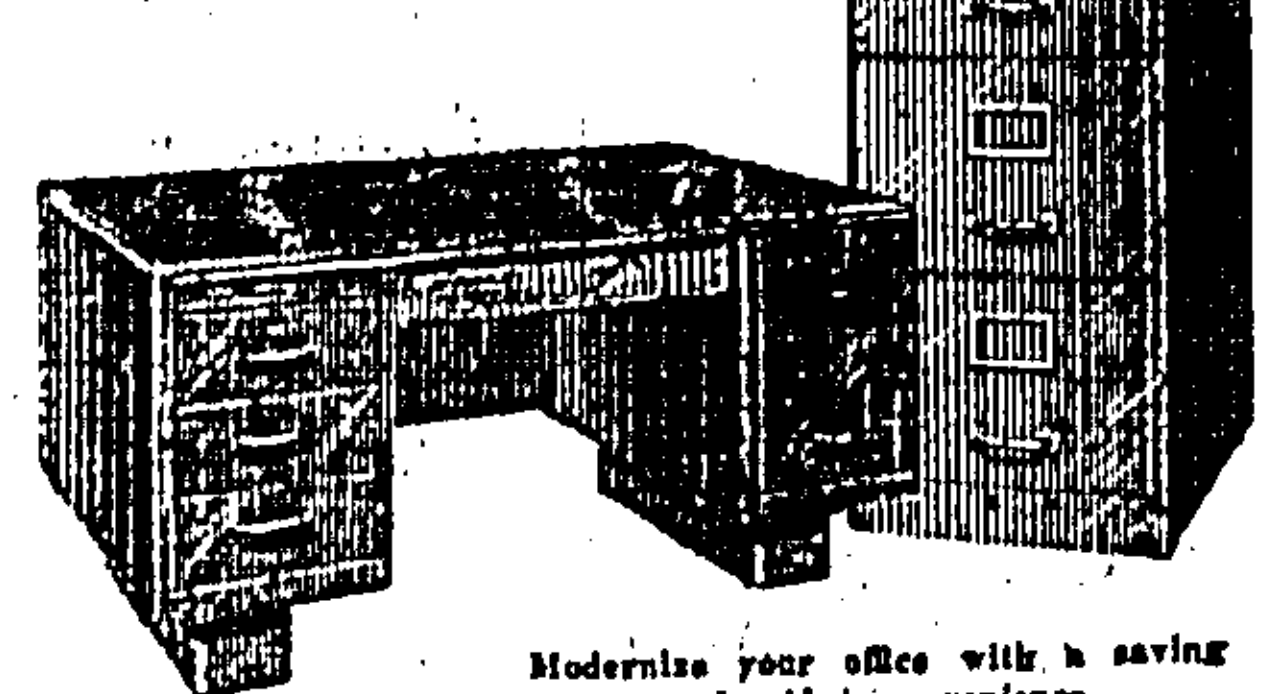
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PAL seeks subsidy from PI Gov't

Manila, March 22. Negotiations between the Philippines Airlines and the Government for a subsidy similar to that given by the United States and other governments to international and domestic plane operations, are expected to come to a head within a few days.

The Philippines Airlines operates from London via Madrid to Manila, and thence via Honolulu to San Francisco as an international carrier. It also operates an inter-island service, which links all of the larger cities from Northern Luzon to Sulu.

"Indoctrinated" airmen see the light

One of the many China National Aviation Corporation employees who have recently returned from "indoctrination" classes in China said that the purchasing of Communist War Bonds in China had caused many of these employees to dislike life in China.

Refusing to give other reasons why he and other fellow employees of the aviation company returned here, the returned employee merely said that they now have a clear picture of life in China.

Due to this reason many returned employees have resigned from the aviation company after their return. Others who have no idea of resigning, remained with the company and are assigned to different posts within the company.

Yap returns

Among the recently returned CNAC employees is Mr. Regine Yap, formerly official spokesman for both CNAC and CATC.

Mr. Yap who was said to have been "indoctrinated" in Tientsin returned here about a week ago. On Tuesday he reported back to the CNAC office in Peninsula Hotel.

As quite a lot of CNAC employees have returned from their "indoctrination" classes in China, the CNAC workshops in Tai Tak airport have once again become active.

Every day grounded aircraft are being overhauled, polished and removed to different parking lots. However, so far none of these aircraft has been tested in the air.

COMMERCIAL BROADCASTING IN JAPAN

Tokyo, March 22. Commercial radio broadcasting may become a reality in Japan by August this year, according to the Minister for Telecommunications.

The Minister revealed at a press conference yesterday that more than 50 organizations have made requests for the operation of commercial radio stations.

These applications will be accepted for formal consideration starting May 1 if the Broadcasting Bill now before the Diet is passed. At present broadcasting in Japan is a monopoly of the Government, but the Bill is designed to change this system.—Reuter.

EARTHQUAKE SHOCKS IN PI

Manila, March 22. A series of earthquake shocks ranging from feeble to fairly strong, stretched across Mindanao Island in the Southern Philippines last night, the Manila Weather Bureau was informed today.

The first quake was recorded at Surigao on the North East tip of the island at 5:30 p.m. local time, yesterday. Intermittent shocks were felt until 9:05 p.m. local time, when the heaviest intensity six, which is rated fairly strong, was felt.

Lighter shocks were felt for almost six hours longer at Cotabato on South Western Mindanao.—Associated Press.

GREEK SHIP STILL AGROUND

Manila, March 22. Agents for the Greek freighter Kehra, grounded on a reef in the Gulf of Leyte since Sunday, said today that a Manila salvage firm has despatched a tug to assist in refloating the vessel.

Tugs and lighters, the agents said, are due to reach the former Liberty ship some time tomorrow. When freed from the reef, she will be surveyed to determine the extent of damage. The Kehra was carrying no cargo.—Associated Press.

TAIWAN POLICY ON JAP. MERCHANTS

Taipei, March 22. The Ministry of Economic Affairs today announced that Japanese merchants allowed into Taiwan.

Their only requirement would be a visa but this would not be difficult to get.

Since its beginning, shortly after World War II, Philippines Airlines has operated without a government subsidy of any kind, company officials said.

"It carries mail within the islands and foreign airmail without extra pay, much as is given by other governments to its international competitors. In addition, PAL has operated many airports, weather and communications facilities within the islands at its own expense, officials of the firm said.

Hit by devaluation

Until the devaluation of the peso, starting last September, PAL earned enough from international passenger revenue to support itself in its inter-island operations. Devaluation, cut about 40 per cent from passenger revenues on international lines.

The Philippines Government holds 58 per cent of the company stock and the remainder is privately owned. Largest block of the privately owned stock is believed in the hands of Col. Andres Soriano, president of the line, but no figures have ever been made public.

Sources said the negotiations for a Government subsidy have been proceeding on an even keel. Need for a subsidy has been recognized, but points of difference which are still being negotiated revolve about the manner of payment. The airline would like an arrangement which relieves it from certain taxes and fees, as well as turning over operations of communications and weather service to the government.

In addition, it is asking subsidies based on miles flown within the islands and on international routes.—Associated Press.

Rediffusion celebrates anniversary

Rediffusion (Hong Kong) Limited celebrated its first anniversary of service to the Colony last night with nearly 20,000 listening sets having been installed, and with listeners estimated at 270,000.

Mr. E. L. Ellis, General Manager in Hong Kong, in the course of his speech, recalled to 600 guests present that although Hong Kong has the first Rediffusion operation in the Far East, it has plenty of research and experience behind with it.

He gave credit to every member of the staff and said that it was only by their diligent and conscientious work that such an achievement had been possible.

"Every effort is being made to give our subscribers the programmes they want most, and in this connection any suggestion from subscribers are always welcome," Mr. Ellis stated, adding that he hoped to double the number of listeners by the time the second birthday came.

Mr. Frank Harris, the Managing Director, is in Singapore at the moment, and unfortunately could not be present.

The guests were treated to a film show "The Green Years" and a mahjong game. A dance was later held, with music provided by Fred Abraham and his Libent Orchestra.

HIGH POST FOR CHIANG'S SON

Taipei, March 22. Chinese quarters predict the Generalissimo's elder son, Chiang Ching-kuo, will get a high post in the Defence Ministry.

If so, he is expected to become Director of the Ministry's Political Training and Information Department.

The Legislative Yuan decided today that none of its members may in future leave Taiwan for personal reasons.

FLYING SAUCERS

New York, March 22. Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt today insisted that any flying saucer over Arkansas on Monday night to appear on her television programme on Sunday.

The plan to build a model of the strange craft they saw to display it on the programme was abandoned.

Copies may be obtained from the Department of Commerce and Industry, Fire Brigade Building.

Personalia

Mr. Edward O'Connor, Regional Manager of Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer Motion Picture Corporation, left for Manila by Philippine Air Lines yesterday.

Mr. O'Connor who is on a business inspection tour of Far East, is expected to return here after four days.

Messrs. M. Renault, F. L. Gubert and L. P. Pei were among those who left Hong Kong for Hainan by Air France yesterday.

Mrs. and Mrs. W. Blois, and Messrs. Chang Trong-tsun and Lo Bih-tri left the Colony for Saigon yesterday by CPA.

Arrivals from Rangoon and Bangkok yesterday by CPA included Mr. and Mrs. E. Blake, Mrs. E. F. Guzman, Mrs. E. O. Mendoza, Mrs. P. C. Mendoza, Messrs. D. B. Lindsay, W. H. May, and Major N. Wickliffe.

Mr. P. Talbot, American journalist, arrived in the Colony yesterday from Manila by CPA.

Mrs. Agnes Newton Keith, author of "And Three Came Home" arrived here yesterday from Sandakan by CPA. She was accompanied by her husband Mr. H. G. Keith, British Borneo Government official.

Departures from the Peninsula Hotel on Tuesday included Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Foll, Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Modglin, Mrs. A. C. Crosswell, Mrs. D. A. MacKenzie, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Phillips, Mr. and Mrs. B. S. Hule, Mr. and Mrs. A. Montgomery, Mr. and Mrs. J. Farmer, Messrs. W. G. Lamb, R. A. Ellery, R. L. Costine and A. B. Wannaker.

Among those who left the Peninsula Hotel on Tuesday were Mr. and Mrs. K. E. Greene, Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Morgan, Mrs. E. C. Whitman, Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Gault, Mr. K. Burnstead, Mr. J. Barrington, Mrs. A. N. Archer, Messrs. F. Folok, P. R. Wareing, J. Dillon and J. R. Faran.

The Reverend Father N. Macdonald, Editor and Publisher of the Catholic weekly "Sunday Examiner", returned by air from Rome yesterday.

Marine court's findings in Wing Hing Inquiry

The loss of the ss. Wing Hing by stranding on Chiling Point on February 12 was attributed by the Marine Court of Inquiry to the vessel's having been set off her course by an accumulation of unpredictable inshore sets and drifts.

This was stated by Mr. F.W.J. Skuttl, President of the Court, delivering the findings in the Marine Office yesterday. The Court also stated that the total error of the foundering was probably magnified by bad steering on the part of the Quartermasters.

The master of the ship, Stanley Gilbert Haines, was said to have been responsible for an omission in that he failed to avail himself of the advice given in the China Sea Pilot, Volume 11, to take constant soundings in thick or misty weather on this section of the China Coast.

"We are unanimously agreed that Stanley Gilbert Haines must be severely censured, but we do not find it necessary to cancel or suspend his Certificate of Competence as Master of a foreign-going ship," the Court declared.

The ss. Wing Hing, owned by the Ta Hing Company (Hong Kong) Limited, hit the rocks at Chiling Point on February 12 while making a trip from Amoy to Hong Kong.

Commenting on the journey from Amoy to the Colony, the Court statement ran as follows: "Throughout the vessel's passage from Amoy, the weather was light variable winds with continuous clouds and occasional patches of mist and fog, slight sea and swell."

No sights were obtained owing to the weather conditions and the land was sighted after leaving Chiling Point until a matter of seconds before the vessel struck Chiling Point.

"The evidence shows that no soundings were taken at any time during the passage although a prudent skipper would have undoubtedly done so as soundings are advised on page 54, lines 23 to 26, China Sea Pilot, Volume 11.—From time to time, vessels have stranded on out-lying is-

lands on the Coast of China between Yokai Point and the entrance to the Yangtze-kiang and, in most cases, the strandings would not have occurred if attention had been paid to the necessity of constantly sounding in thick or misty weather."

The Courts stated that they were of the opinion that the discipline generally on board was not of a high standard with the exception in the case of the Engine Room Staff and the Radiating Operator. (The Court attributed this to laxity in the frequent changes in the ship's personnel) and observed that the vessel had had 17 masters in less than three years and the present master had only joined the vessel on February 7, some five days before the Chiling Point foundering.

The Court recommended that the attention of the authorities be invited to the desirability of small vessels trading outside River Trade Limits being fitted with a potent sounding machine and a sounding platform. That in view of the two recent strandings in the vicinity of Chiling Point the attention of the Hydrographic Department, Admiralty, be invited to the desirability of revising the cautionary warnings on the charts in this area.

That the attention of the Hydrographic Department, Admiralty, be invited to the desirability of having a greater oversight of the coastal charts in the vicinity of Lamock Island.

In conclusion, the Court placed on record their high appreciation of the fact that the ss. "City of Kimberley" or receipt of the SOE message from the ss. Wing Hing, immediately proceeded towards a rock-strewn coast shrouded in fog and mist to render assistance. Tribute was also paid to the commanding officer of HMS Concorde for rescuing the Master, crew and passengers of ss. Wing Hing who were stranded ashore on Chiling Point.

The Marine Court of Inquiry, investigating into the loss of the Wing Hing, consisted of Mr. F. W. J. Skuttl, President, Captain T. N. Masterman RN and Mr. R. E. Smith, members.

U.S. aid for South East Asia

Singapore, March 22. Some areas of South East Asia may receive American aid within 90 days, Mr. Robert Allen Griffin, the head of the United States technical assistance mission, told a press conference here today at the end of his Malaysian visit.

Supplies would be economic, not military, and would include agricultural machinery, tools, and other items, he added. Bulldozers could also be included in the category of economic supplies as they may be used to clear tracks.

Mr. Griffin announced that he had cable tentative recommendations to the United States Government and this will be followed by a full report. This full report would be up to the U.S. Secretary of State, Mr. Dean Acheson, to disclose, he added.

Mr. Griffin considered Indonesia to be the country most urgently in need of aid, especially of medical supplies and agricultural tools.—Reuter.

JAPANESE COIN COLLECTION STOLEN

Tokyo, March 22. A collection of priceless Japanese coins dating back for more than 800 years were stolen from the residence of Yashichi Kurokawa, a wealthy stock company chairman, at Inuyama near Kyoto, reported the police yesterday.

The collection was started by Kurokawa's grandfather and had been considered priceless not only by antiquaries but also by historians interested in the history of Japanese currency.

The police authorities fear that the coins may be melted down by the burglars.—Reuter.

EAST PAKISTAN BORDER INCIDENT

Calcutta, March 22. Police reinforcements were dispatched today to the East Pakistan border district in India after a border incident in which a large number of Pakistanis, supported by police and Ansars (armed Muslim volunteers) were reported to have crossed the border.

The raiders looted the homes of a wealthy Hindu before returning across the border into Pakistan. A message received here stated that the looting was confined to the border area.

Police reinforcements were also reported in the area.—Reuter.

Highest priced newspaper

The highest priced daily newspaper in the world today is the British-owned and edited "North-China Daily News" published in Shanghai.

A copy dated March 12, received in Hong Kong yesterday, showed that the price for one copy was 5,000 Jen-min-piao.

The official rate of exchange the same day was 3,300 Jen-min-piao to one Hong Kong Dollar.

Violations of Companies' Ordinance

Four companies were summoned before Mr. James Wicks at Kowloon yesterday for violations of regulations of the Companies' Ordinance.

The China Trust Company, Limited, 207, Wing Lok Street, second floor, and its director, Mai Tso-heng, pleaded guilty to eight summonses through Mr. A. S. C. Comber for failing to file returns for 1947, 1948, and 1949 and failing to hold a general meeting for 1949.

The Kader Industrial Company, and its director, Ting Lau-cho, through Mr. B. B. Evans, pleaded guilty to six similar summonses.

E. D. Sykes, of E. D. Sykes, Company, Limited, pleaded guilty to five of six summonses for failing to provide a list of members with a summary of capital and shares and other particulars, failing to hold general meetings, and failing to file annual returns. He pleaded not guilty to the summonses that, being a director of the company, he failed to take up the number of qualification shares.

Yu Lap, director of the Luk Hop Company, 34 Wing Lok Street, pleaded guilty to two summonses for failing to give notice of a change of address, and for failing to file a return for 1949.

Mr. Wicks reserved judgments until next Tuesday. In the case of Sykes, Mr. Wicks adjourned hearing until next Thursday.

Journalists leave for Bangkok

Three journalists left for Bangkok by Pan American World Airways yesterday to attend the coronation ceremony of the Siamese King which will be held in the Siamese capital on March 5.

They are Mr. John Morley, well known American columnist, who represents some 175 newspapers in the United States, Mr. Norman Soong, Managing-Editor of Pan Asiatic Newspaper Alliance, and Mr. Charles Correy, Staff Photographer of Associated Press, Tokyo.

Mr. Morley who is also a world news analyst with the National Broadcasting Corporation, is a veteran journalist.

From Bangkok, he will proceed to New Delhi where he has an appointment with Mr. Pandit Nehru.

The veteran U.S. journalist came here from Manila on Tuesday.

The other two journalists arrived from Tokyo yesterday morning.

Mr. Norman Soong will proceed to India, Malaya and Burma after the coronation of the Siamese King.

DOCTORS LEAVE CANTON FOR NE

More than 1,000 medical doctors, technicians and skilled workers have left Canton in response to the North East People's Government's advertised appeal for specialists.

According to the vernacular "Sing Too Jih Pao", they left in groups by train for Hainan to report for work there.

The report added that those with at least 12 years practical experience in their respective fields have been assured a monthly salary of 1,100 units equivalent to HK\$1,500. The average salary for others will be 800 units a month.

POLICEMAN RUNS AMOK IN MALAYA

Singapore, March 22. Four persons were killed and two were wounded when a police officer in the Gombak District ran amok yesterday. He is still at large with an automatic.

The killed are the wife of a Chinese worker, a Chinese worker, a Chinese worker, and a Chinese worker. The wounded are a Chinese worker and a Chinese worker. The police are searching for the officer.

Supplementary appropriation ordinance has first reading

Reminders

Today

Kowloon Rotary Club, luncheon at Peninsula Hotel, screening of film "Aquapole", Liberation of Rome, 12.30 p.m.
 Nine Dragons Services Club, Hong Kong, Banquet, 8 p.m.
 HK Women's International Club, Whist Drive for Services, 7.30 p.m.
 European YMCA, Guest Night, Concert by Band of South Staffordshire Regiment, 7.30 p.m.
 British Council weekly film show, "Universities", speaker: Prof. J. E. Driver, Helena May Institute, 5.30 p.m.
 Y's Men's Luncheon, Roof Garden, HK Hotel, 12.30 p.m. (closed meeting).
 HK Singers rehearsal, St. John's Cathedral Hall, 5.45 p.m.
 Kowloon Union Church Women's Guild, whist drive, 8 p.m.
 Cheero Services Club, informal dance, 7.30 p.m.
 Francis Wu One-Man Photographic Exhibition, opening by Governor at 1.30 p.m., 217A, Prince's Building.

Coming Events

TOMORROW
 Kowloon Reel Club, End of Season Informal Dance, King George V School.
 Nine Dragons Services Club, Tombola, 8 p.m.
 Organ Recital, St. John's Cathedral, 1.15 p.m.
 Women's Section European YMCA, Beginner's Dressmaking, 10 p.m.
SATURDAY
 Kowloon Gramophone Society, classical concert, Diocesan Boys' School, 8.15 p.m.
 Race meeting, Happy Valley, 2 p.m.
 Nine Dragons Services Club, Tombola, 8 p.m.
SUNDAY
 MacDonnell concert, 5.30 p.m.
 HK Art Club, sketching party to Shek-O, members to meet at Queen's Pier, 10.30 a.m.
 European YMCA Armchair Group meeting, address: "Combat against Leprosy" (with films) by Dr. Skinsney, 8.30 p.m.

Pigeons do an 8-hour day

By ALLAN J. RANDS

Birds—or at any rate racing pigeons—work an eight-hour day, or something like it.

This is one of the discoveries made by Dr. D. H. Wilkinson, physicist, of the Cavendish Laboratory, Cambridge, and Mr. G. V. T. Matthews, University zoologist, working together on research on bird navigation.

One of the problems which scientists wished to solve was the time spent by a homing bird in actual flight on any journey.

Homing birds have been followed by aeroplane, and the method has also been tried of applying a piece of camphor to a bird's wing and estimating the flying time by the amount of camphor evaporated.

Now Dr. Wilkinson has contrived a very ingenious little box, which he fixed to the wings in the course of experiments with a couple of dozen racing pigeons.

This miniature box which Dr. Wilkinson describes in today's Nature, consists of a source of alpha-particles—in this case the radioactive element polonium—with a specially prepared photographic plate opposite to it.

When the bird is at rest a steel ball, falling into a slot, prevents the alpha-rays from reaching the plate. But when the bird is in flight the ball rolls away. The recording on the plate shows the time the bird has been in flight.

"Roughly," Dr. Wilkinson told me, "we found that the homing pigeons were in the air for about eight hours a day during August, when the sun is up for 15 hours. Our experiments are not yet concluded."

FORTHCOMING WEDDING

The forthcoming wedding of Prison Officer Frederick Ignatius Wonders, of Flat A, Arbuthot Road, and Miss Theresa Marie Resario, of 107 Prince Edward Road, top floor, has been announced.

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The Ordinance to authorise the appropriation of a supplementary sum of \$30,135,964 to defray the charges for the financial year ended March 31, 1949, passed its first reading in Legislative Council yesterday.

The Financial Secretary, Mr. C. G. S. Follows, told Council that the expenditure for the year 1948/49 was estimated at \$150,284,105 but the actual expenditure was \$9,669,918 in excess of the estimate.

This over-expenditure was almost entirely the result of the payment of occupation period pay to members of the Government Service who were not interned, of an increase in the cost of living allowance, and of a number of outstanding adjustments following the revision of salary scales.

The appropriation of \$30,135,964 did not mean this sum was actually spent but merely the total of excesses on the different heads, and if the savings were taken into account, the actual over-expenditure is only just more than \$2,000,000.

Court Brevities

The master of the ss. Tal Chung Shan, Archibald Henry Bathurst, was fined \$100 for failing to produce a complete list of passengers to the Immigration Officer and failing to produce the passengers for inspection and interrogation.

Before the Justice of Peace Court, Bathurst pleaded guilty and said that the ship arrived from Hoihow with a large number of cattle and that the passengers were cattle minders.

According to the prosecution the ship arrived in the Colony on February 5. Bathurst made a report that there only five passengers on board. Later it was found that 10 more passengers were on board serving as cattle minders.

Miss Helen Hindmarsh residing at Repulse Bay Hotel was summoned before the Justice of Peace Court for failing to notify the authorities of a change of address.

Mr. Strellet represented Miss Hindmarsh and pleaded guilty on her behalf. She was cautioned. According to the prosecution, Miss Hindmarsh, an American, arrived in the Colony on November 13, she informed the Immigration Officer that she lived at the Peninsula Hotel.

On February 24, the Immigration authorities found that Miss Hindmarsh was not living at the Peninsula Hotel.

It was found later that Miss Hindmarsh had changed her address to Repulse Bay on January 31.

Two unemployed men, Chung Siu-wah, alias Chung Ting-kwai, and Au Shu-fong, aged 20, were committed to stand trial by Mr. James Wicks at Kowloon yesterday.

Chung was alleged to have had in his possession a Mauser pistol and five rounds of ammunition at Nga Tsin Wai Village on February 12, while Au was alleged to have attempted to sell two Smith and Wesson revolvers and 20 rounds of ammunition to two Chinese detectives in disguise at Li Uk Village, Shamshuipo, on February 10.

Detectives Sub-Inspector P. Lowe and E. P. Grace conducted the cases for the prosecution.

Caught smoking a cigarette in court while a session was on, Yau Ming, a spectator, was fined \$5 by Mr. F. X. d'Almada at Kowloon yesterday.

On a charge of housebreaking, Law So-chung, rickshaw puller, was sentenced to three months' imprisonment by Mr. d'Almada at Kowloon yesterday.

Defendant in the early morning of February 13 broke into the India Bazaar, 55 Nathan Road, and stole clothing materials and ornaments to the total value of \$800.

Two women, Lam Pik-fong and Shiu Yuk-chu, were fined \$200 and \$30, respectively, for receiving the stolen goods. Detective Sub-Inspector J. Howlett prosecuted.

On two charges of conveying dangerous goods and operating a junk without a licence, Tam Kait-sing, 20-year-old junk master, was fined \$150 by Mr. F. X. d'Almada at Kowloon yesterday.

Defendant was arrested by Sub-Inspector Nippard at the 10-mile Castle Peak beach on Monday loading 40 tins of petrol on to his junk.

Otto Martin Jensen, aged 25, seaman (Danish subject) was ordered by Mr. J. Reynolds at Central yesterday to be detained in the House of Detention until the MS. Skauvann leaves the Colony in the early part of April.

Jensen was charged with entering the Colony without a permit from the Immigration Officer, and with being a member of the crew of the ss. Skauvann who negligently absconded himself from the ship. Jensen pleaded guilty to both charges.

Wan Fui, aged 23, waiter, was remanded for one week by Mr. Hin-shing Lo at Central yesterday on a charge of robbery with violence.

ARABIAN NIGHTS WEDDING

A wedding—Moroccan style—will bring back memories of last year's wedding of the century when at a cost of £300,000 the Caliph of Morocco married a Princess cousin of the Sultan.

Now this "Desert Song" country will witness even the "Arabian Nights"—and perhaps even last year's wedding—for sheer fantasy. The occasion will be the marriage of Si Ahmed El Glaoui, son of the famous Pasha of Marrakesh, to a daughter of a Moorish Chief—one of the most important men in the Moroccan administration and nobility.

Since both bride and bridegroom belong to the most famous of Moroccan families, the order has gone out that no expense is to be spared, no luxury considered too great, for the occasion. All the pashas and califs (judges) of Morocco, the nobility and the gentry of the fabulous Sherifian Empire—the princes—the Sultan's blood are expected to attend. The chief guests will all be families and servants will all enjoy the bridegroom's hospitality for however long the celebrations may last—and that, in Morocco, may mean anything up to six weeks.

Already, writes Allan Roy from Tangier, gifts are pouring into Marrakesh from all over Morocco and composers and poets are writing music and verse in honour of the marriage.

All of which indicates that in Morocco at any rate, there is no such thing as austerity!

Movie bull-fight

The film industry, the Spanish film industry at any rate, has been turning its cameras on the world's most controversial "sport"—bull-fighting.

Writing from Madrid, correspondent William Stutter tells how a camera team has just been visiting the famous arena at Atanquez to get some real-life close-ups of the battle between Bull and Man. The "shots" taken were to be used in a film based on the life of "Pedro Romero," who, in eight years between 1771 and 1779, killed over 5,000 bulls.

Where "Pedro Romero" was successful, however, the cameramen on their own particular mission, were not. Bulls apparently dislike the camera almost as much as the quick-thrust sword. Cameras started turning no fewer than seven bull-fighters—including one of Spain's best-known Matadors—had been caught on the bulls' horns.

Robbed of their "star" matadors, the film directors were left with the undoubtedly real-life problem of how to kill the already wounded bull. As no-one volunteered to tackle the dangerous task of plunging the sword in true taurobanchal style, the executioner's job to a Civil Guard who shot the bull dead with rifle fire from behind a horse-man's adequate barrier.

Next time the film unit goes on location, they are to take more matadors—and a more docile bull.

—Associated Press



Troops of the 42 Commando Royal Marines in slow tempo, marched past the Brigade H. Q. in Kowloon yesterday where the salute was taken by the GOC-in-C Sir Robert Mansergh. The inspection parade took place at Chatham Road, attended by a large gathering. Seen coming past the saluting base in the picture is "A" Troop of 42 Commandos led by Lieutenant D. M. Trace. ("China Mail" Photo).

GOC-in-C inspects the 42 Commandos

Thousands thronged the streets and windows of Kowloon yesterday as five platoons of the 42 Commando Royal Marines swung into Nathan Road after giving the salute to the GOC-in-C, Sir Robert Mansergh, in a slow march past at Brigade HQ.

The occasion was the inspection of 42 Commando Royal Marines by the GOC-in-C Hong Kong, and the parade took place at the Merchant Navy football ground, Chatham Road, before a large number of distinguished guests as well as the local public.

Dressed in jungle green, the commandos assembled at Whitfield barracks. The green berets trooped down Austin Road, led by the bands of 3 Commando Brigade and HMS Kenya—attired in jungle green and white helmets—and formed on the football ground under commanding officer, Lieutenant Colonel I.H. Riches.

A general salute was given by the men when the GOC-in-C arrived, and after the inspection, fired a Feu de Jole to the delight of hundreds of school children and spectators.

The parade then advanced in review order and gave the general salute. After this, the GOC-in-C proceeded by car to Brigade HQ in Middle Road.

The crowd followed as the parade marched down Chatham Road. Arriving at Brigade HQ the Commandos broke into slow time and in column of divisions marched past the saluting base at Brigade HQ where Sir Robert took the salute.

The parade then swung into Nathan Road, resumed the normal tempo and marched along Nathan Road back to Whitfield Barracks.

Thousands watch

The whole parade was watched by thousands. Road blocks were put up by the police as the parade took up the full breadth of the road, marching in column of divisions.

Guests included the three service chiefs, Commodore Brownfield, and AOC A.D. Davis, and many high ranking officers of the three branches. Present also were a number of Royal Marine officers whose dress uniform elicited them out of favourable comment by many watching the parade. Among them also were a few United States Marines officers who turned up in their own dress uniform.

The age-old saying "provenance is better than cure" is coming into its own again—the time in the World Health Organisation.

Nor is the Organisation concerned only with physical health. Mental health, claim the W.H.O. experts is almost as important. For this reason the Health Organisation's executive Board at the Palais des Nations in Geneva suggests that every Public Health Department in every country should have a Mental Health Section.

This Section should guard against mental instability in a same way as a guard is kept against typhoid and other epidemics. If a factory is run under conditions which tend to depress workers and make them irritable—then the town's Mental Health Section should recommend for factory management to be "organised" and "brightened up" their workday.

In the same way, Mental Health workers would investigate home conditions. By making a home a happier place for children to live in, explain the W.H.O. experts, many of the more serious crimes—wars—and even many serious diseases—could be prevented.

Finally, writes Victor Barker, in case anyone should think the World Health Organisation is recommending that "all forms of psychiatric people should be put to work" and "understand" the experts point out that psychiatrists would rarely be needed—by the Mental Health workers did their job properly in the first place.

—Associated Press

Two sentenced in forged notes case

For having in possession 8,675 forged 10-cent notes, Yung Wong and Wong Sang were given five years and three years hard labour, respectively, by Mr. Justice Gould, Senior Puisne Judge, at the Criminal Sessions yesterday.

Wong Sang, who had pleaded guilty, asked for leniency in view of his plea and the fact that he knew he had done wrong. Mr. Gould told him he was satisfied with information obtained that his part in the crime was only as a carrier for the forged notes.

A jury of five men and two women unanimously found Yung Wong guilty on two counts of the offence.

Mr. A. Lonsdale, Crown Counsel, assisted by Detective Sub-Inspector J. Martin, prosecuted. The accused conducted his own defence.

INDIA-PEKING TALKS COMPLETED

New Delhi, March 22. Negotiations between India and Communist China regarding the exchange of diplomatic relations are now complete, a Foreign Ministry spokesman said here Wednesday.

He added that according to present indications, Sardar K. M. Panikkar, India's former Ambassador to the Kuomintang, is expected to be accredited to the Peking Government.

Press reports quoted Panikkar as saying in Bombay that he expected to leave for Peking in two weeks.—Associated Press.

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SALE OF CROWN LAND

An auction sale of Crown Land will be held at P. W. D. Headquarters on Monday, the 27th day of March, 1950 at 3 p.m.

The area which comprises 1,400 square feet is situated at Pei Ho St., adjoining N.K.I.L. 3571 (West side) and is suitable for residential purposes.

Further particulars are available from the Government Gazette of March 17, 1950, or from the Crown Lands & Survey Office.

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NOTICE

THE HONGKONG SPECIAL
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Members are notified that the revolver shoot for the Sir Arthur Morse Challenge Cup will be held at the Central Police Station gymnasium on Sunday 26th March at 10 a.m. Participants are requested to be present not later than 9.45 a.m.

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The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from Thursday, 9th March, 1950, to Friday, 24th March, 1950, both days inclusive.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON, LIMITED,
General Managers.

Hong Kong,
Dated this March 3, 1950.

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HARRY WICKING AND COMPANY LIMITED (hereinafter called "the Company") has lost its Memorandum of Association and is proposing to adopt a New Memorandum of Association under the provisions of Section 9 of the above Ordinance.

Copies of the proposed New Memorandum of Association may be inspected at the Company's Registered Office, Prince's Building, Victoria, Hong Kong during ordinary business hours.

All persons who wish to raise objections to the proposed New Memorandum, should file a brief statement in writing of such objections with the Registrar of Companies, Hong Kong, on or before the 23rd day of June 1950.

All persons raising such objections should also file an address for service within the Colony of Hong Kong with the Registrar of Companies.

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AND NOTICE IS FURTHER HEREBY GIVEN that the Register and transfer books of the Company will be closed from the 22nd to the 31st day of March 1950 both days inclusive.

GEORGE Y. K. SUN,
Secretary.
Hong Kong, March 18, 1950

NOTICE OF REMOVAL

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Fear of hydrogen bomb
spurs movement in U.S.
for world government

New York, March 22.
The "New York Times" reported on Monday that Dr. Harrison Brown of the University of Chicago, made a speech here on Sunday night warning that he was convinced that men would use the hydrogen bomb in war even though they know its use would destroy all life.
The occasion was a dinner held at the Waldorf Astoria Hotel under the auspices of the "Writers Board for World Government" with the aim to further the cause of world government and to prevent a third world war.

Dr. Brown is one of the leading atomic scientists in this country, and it is recalled that he advanced the opinion in a radio programme about a month ago that hydrogen bomb, if developed, could exterminate most, if not all, the world's population.

Dr. Brown may be right or wrong, but the fear or apprehension held by the American people towards a new war where hydrogen bombs may be used by both antagonists is very real. And it is through these fears that various movements and organisations advocating formation of a world government are lately gaining popularity in the United States.

The sponsor of the Sunday night dinner, the "Writers Board for World Government" is an organisation formed last July by 17 American writers including such internationally known writers as Mr. John Hersey, Mr. Robert E. Sherwood and Mr. Carl van Doren.

Most of the American organisations pushing the world government movement are related more or less with the "World Movement for World Government" which has its headquarters in Paris and has as its president Sir John Boyd Orr. The American organisations have as their members people from all walks of life, such as former government officials, diplomats, military men, writers, university presidents and professors, Congressmen and Senators of both the Democratic and Republican parties, labour union leaders, etc. In the United States, they work to secure Congressional support for resolutions curtailing their programme.

Atlantic union

One of the leading organisations is "The Atlantic Union Committee." It was organized in March, 1949 with the twofold programme of (1) supporting ratification of the North Atlantic Pact, and (2) of introducing to Congress a resolution calling upon the President to call a convention of the countries that sponsored the pact to form a union like the Union of the American States.

It has as its two vice presidents Mr. Will Clayton, former Assistant Secretary of State, and Mr. Robert T. Patterson, former Secretary of War.

Another influential organisation is "United World-Federalists," which aims to transform the United Nations into a world government. A bill sponsored by the organisation to seek its development "strengthen the United Nations and to seek its development into a world federation" has already been introduced into the Congress. Fifteen state legislatures have already supported a plan to call a convention to amend the U.S. Constitution to allow U.S. participation in world government. Influential groups like the American Veterans Organisation, Farmers Union, United Automobile Workers, and Young Republican National Federation have supported this plan. The organisation is reported to have more than 40,000 dues-paying members.

Another organisation working for the world government is "The Citizens Committee for United Nations Reform," which counts among its supporters such powerful groups as the American Legion, General Federation of Women's Clubs, bar associations, etc. It proposes immediate revision of the United Nations charter to abolish the veto, to ban the armament race and to create a world police force. Whether these organisations can achieve anything to promote world peace remains to be seen. But the fact remains that they have come into being to fill the vacuum created by lack of any sensible and workable plan to prevent another war, and that they will continue to attract supporters until such a plan is achieved and put into practice.

Not certain it can be made

Dr. Robert A. Millikan, Nobel Prize-winning scientist, says he is not at all certain that man can make a hydrogen bomb, continue Associated Press in a report from Pasadena, California.
He is frankly sceptical that any man-made device will ever split the earth's atom.
"But it is true," he says, "that we and our possible adversary now possess the instruments to destroy each other."
Dr. Millikan is 62 today. In an interview commemorating the occasion, the physicist first spoke

and measured the electron and opened the way for present-day atomic research, observed:

"With all the talk about the hydrogen bomb, I'm not yet convinced that it's at all certain we can build such a bomb. Of course, it is possible to make the hydrogen in all the seas combine at once into helium, we probably could explode the whole earth and transform it into a nebula.

"However, I'm still sceptical. I think it would take a warmer lady than mother earth to make such a horror possible."

Millikan, at 62, is known as the "billion-volt sparkplug" of the California of Technology.

Although he "retired" as chairman of the school's executive council in 1945, he still maintains a pace that would kill many a younger man.

He addresses the faculty of Fresno, California, State College at noon today, then flies back here to attend a dinner party.

"We may be lost if we fail to maintain the American way of life against Socialist trends which threaten our personal freedom. We must make it very plain to Russia that we will go ahead without her if she won't join with us in this ideal. Above all, we must be too strong to be attacked, and the contrary."

Associated Press.

Robbers
sentenced

Five robbers who went to rob an opium divan on January 8, but who lost heart and ran off when a woman in the house shouted for help, were given hard labour terms at the Criminal Sessions yesterday.

The Acting Puisne Judge, Mr. Justice Scholes, in reply to mitigation pleas for leniency from the accused in that they had dependants to look after, remarked that the prisoners should have thought of them before committing a crime.

Chan Kwong and Hung Kwai were found guilty of attempted robbery with aggravation by a jury of six men and a woman, and sentenced to three years each. Chan Sal-man and Tsang Lau-man, who had pleaded guilty to a similar charge, in addition to possession of arms and ammunition, were each given five years and 10 strokes. Tsui Hing, aged 18, was sentenced to four years and light strokes in consideration for his age. He too had pleaded guilty to attempted robbery and possession of arms.

None of the accused was legally represented. Mr. A. Hooton, Crown Counsel, assisted by Detective Sub-Inspector Davies, prosecuted.

The incident concerned took place at 284 Reclamation Street, Kowloon, which was run as an opium divan. Three men who followed the keeper of the house in the evening, produced guns, and were joined by several others who had previously been inside the house.

A woman however let out an alarm, and the robbers ran off and were eventually arrested.

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McCarthy
continues
crusade

Washington, March 22.
Senator Joseph McCarthy, Wisconsin Republican, was reported today to have told Senate Communist hunters that he believes the Federal Bureau of Investigation trailed four Soviet spy suspects to contacts with an American he accuses of heading an espionage ring.

McCarthy's reported testimony came in a closed session of a Senate foreign relations subcommittee. Democrats said he had thus far produced no primary evidence.

The Wisconsin Senator was said to have agreed there that his accusations that the State Department is harbouring Communists largely will stand or fall on this case.

The individual involved was identified by McCarthy as an affiliate of the State Department. He furnished the name of a man to the subcommittee at yesterday's closed session.

Chairman Millard Tydings, Maryland Democrat, of the subcommittee looking into McCarthy's charges, told reporters that the group already had received the name once before from McCarthy.

Tydings said the Wisconsin Senator offered "no primary evidence" to back up his charges, "but did suggest 'we investigate in certain places where he said he believed evidence might be obtained.'"

FBI files

Tydings did not say so, but it was obvious that McCarthy had referred the committee to the FBI investigation files. It was understood Tydings is trying to arrange for committee members to look at these files, along with the State Department and civil service loyalty records.

Administration lieutenants said President Truman may decide shortly how far the committee shall be permitted to go in delving into the files.

McCarthy's friends said he feels as sure the FBI files will reveal what he has called "jarring" information about the alleged American espionage chief that he is willing to make that a test case.

If the files substantiate McCarthy's reported statement that the FBI trailed Russian agents to the door of the American suspect, McCarthy may claim that proves what he was not just "politicking" when he made other charges.

On the other hand, if the committee finds McCarthy did not know what he was talking about, Democratic members may be inclined to drop the investigation.

There were signs that Democratic members, who have been inclined to scoff at most charges made by McCarthy, regarded his latest accusations as extremely serious.—Associated Press.

CARNIVAL

By Dick Turner



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BARCLAY ON BRIDGE
By Shepard Barclay
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WHEN FACTS ARE NEEDED
WHEREAS the side which becomes the declarer doesn't like the opponents to have any more information than possible, there are times when it is necessary to exchange as many facts as possible in order to reach a sound decision as to what should be the declaration. There is a big difference between that and the giving of superfluous information when one partner has learned the declaration which should be picked.

S J 10 4 3
H Q 8 2
D 6 4
C K Q 10 6
S A 9 8
H 6 2
D A K J 8
C A 8 7
S K Q 5
H A 7 3
D Q 7 2
C J 4 3 2
(Dealer: North. North-South vulnerable.)

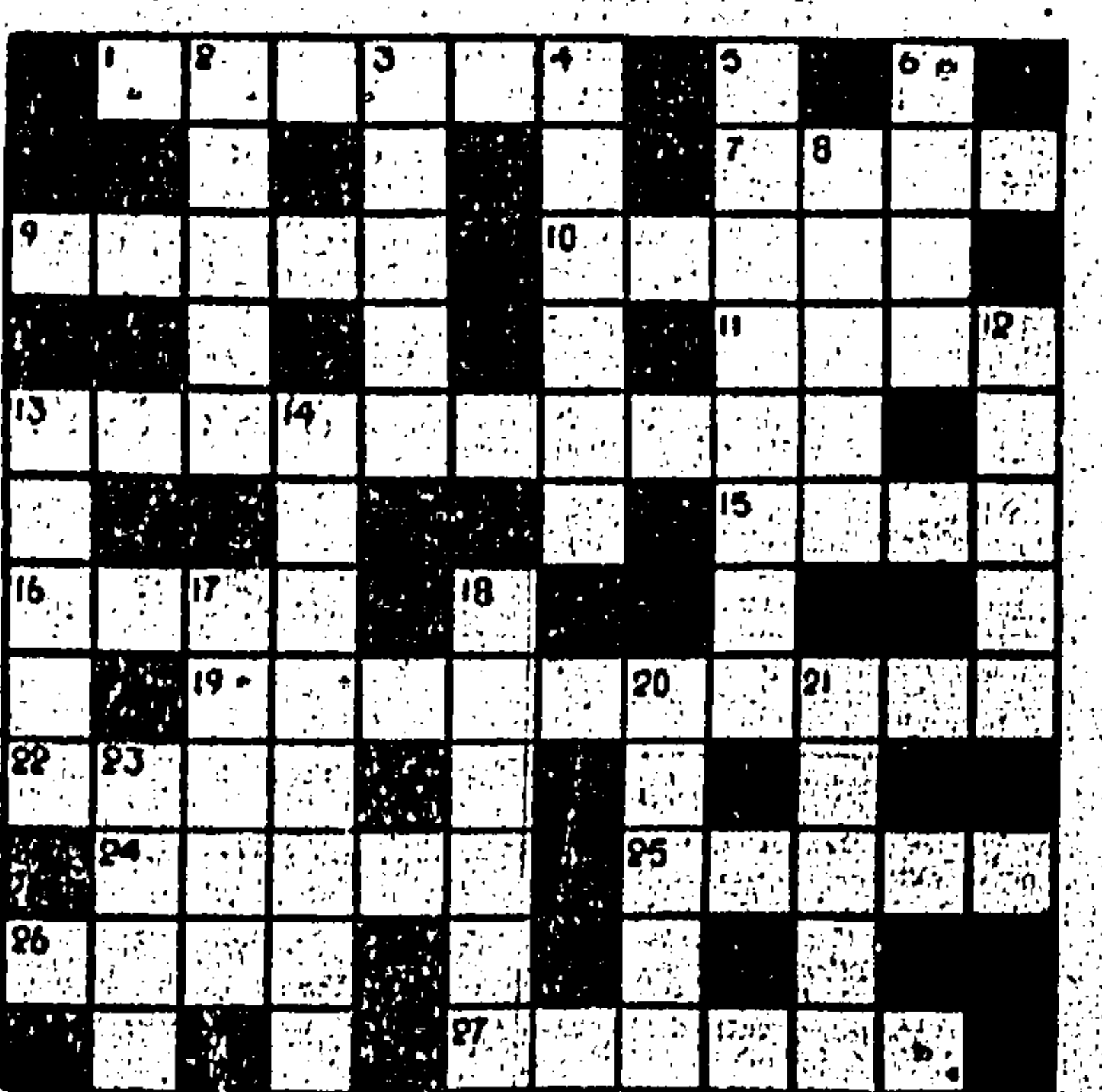
North East South West
1. Pass 1 S Pass 2 H
Pass 3 D Pass 3 H
2. Pass 1 S Pass 2 H
Pass 3 S Pass 3 H
Pass 3 S Pass 4 D
How much more precise and sound the bidding was at Table 2. It was rewarded by giving a nice little plus score to East for making his 4-Diamonds right on the head, losing only one trick each in clubs, hearts and diamonds. The No Trump game effort at Table 1 was beaten four tricks following a lead of the club 2.

The key bid at Table 2 was the third one made by East, who had bid spades first, then diamonds and then rebid his spades, showing that they were longer than the diamonds, though the latter suit was a four-carder. That enabled West to choose diamonds as the declaration. East was clear-headed to refuse to reach out for five-odd, as he had noted West's effort to sign off with the heart rebid on his second turn.

There was another advantage to East's 3-Spades call. It indicated, not too gently, that if West had any kind of qualified stopper in the unbid clubs East might be interested in No Trumps. That was a lot sounder than what the other East did when he took a chance on his singly-stopped clubs in a hand with no particularly tricky suit to run. West, having no club strength, properly showed diamond preference.

Tomorrow's Problem
S 8
H A Q 9
D 6 8
C A K Q 8 5 4 2
S 3 2
H K J 9 6
D 7 5 3
C K J 10
W E 4 2
S D 8 7 5 4 1
H 8 6
C 10 9
S A Q 10 7 5 4
D A J 9
C 7 3
(Dealer: South. Neither side vulnerable.)
If South never bids anything but spades, what are North's correct bids on this deal?

A BRITISH CROSSWORD PUZZLE



Across
1 Summary, 10 Disagree, 11 Set of two, 22 Animal, 12 Provide for, 24 Desire earnestly, 13 Lead over, 25 Slope, 14 From from, 26 Habit, 15 Close, 27 Readily, 16 Stuff.
Down
2 Proportion, 14 Propose for election, 3 Cut, 17 Bedeck, 4 Tar, 18 Worn-out, 5 Wealth, 19 Preamble, 12 Pines, 6 Goes quickly, 20 Pictorial, 8 Got up, 21 Book, 12 Concise, 23 Figure, 13 Surpass.
Yesterday's Crossword
ACROSS—1 Mount, 4 Duty, 5 North, 8 Terms, 10 Snip, 12 Parable, 15 Brain, 16 Team, 17 Idle, 19 Newel, 20 Created, 21 Slur, 23 Booby, 24 Trivial, 25 Ashen, 26 Blades.
DOWN—1 Monastic, 2 Unstable, 3 Toll, 5 Iterates, 6 Tumble, 9 Waned, 11 Preamble, 12 Pines, 13 Bellowed, 14 Emeralds, 15 Droops, 22 Oral.

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There are ten races, the First Race will be rung at 1.30 p.m. and the First Race will be run at 2.00 p.m.

Through Tickets (10 Races—\$20.00) may be obtained at the Office of the Treasurer, 1st Floor, Telephone House, also tickets for the Special Cash Sweep on the Hongkong Derby (over 250,000 tickets disposed of to date) to be run at the Easter Race Meeting in April, 1950, which may be purchased also at the Club's Branch Office, No. 382 Nathan Road, Kowloon.

There will be no Special Sweep on the last Race.

MEMBERS' BADGES AND ENCLOSURE.
MUST wear their badges prominently displayed throughout the Meeting. Members and guests are reminded that they and their ladies Meeting.

NO ONE WITHOUT A BADGE WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE.
Badges admitting Ladies not in possession of Brooches or Season Tickets and gentlemen, non members of the Club, to the Members' Enclosure and Club Rooms at \$10.—including tax, for Ladies or Gentlemen are obtainable through the Secretary on the written or personal introduction of a Member, such Member to be responsible for all visitors introduced by him, and for payment of all bills etc.
Badges admitting to Members' Enclosure will NOT be on sale at the RACE COURSE.

The Treasurer's Comptroller's Office will close at 11 a.m. and the Secretary's Office at 11.45 a.m. Both Offices at 1st Floor, Telephone House.

A limited number of tickets will be obtainable at the Club House, provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Box (Tel. 27818).

NO CHILDREN WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE CLUB'S PREMISES DURING THE MEETING.

PUBLIC ENCLOSURE.

The price of admission to the Public Enclosure is \$5.—including tax for all persons including ladies, and is payable at the Gate. BOOKMAKERS, TIC TAC MEN ETC., WILL NOT BE PERMITTED TO OPERATE WITHIN THE PREMISES OF THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB DURING THE RACE MEETING. MEALS AND REFRESHMENTS WILL BE OBTAINABLE IN THE RESTAURANT IN THE PUBLIC ENCLOSURE.

SERVANTS' PASSES.

Servants' passes will be issued to private box holders only, who are requested to distribute them with discrimination and to endorse their names on the passes. Holders of such passes are not permitted to enter the Members' Enclosure except for passing through on their duties and must remain in their employers' service.

BY ORDER,
E. A. BLEAD,
Secretary.

MORE OPPOSITION TO RETURN OF LEOPOLD

ATLANTIC NATIONS TO MEET

London, March 22. The Finance Ministers of the 12 Atlantic Pact countries will meet here on March 29 to discuss the financial and economic effort needed for an integrated defence system for the North Atlantic area.

Announcing this date the Treasury added that the Marshall Plan moving Ambassador Mr. Averell Harriman, will provide over the gathering.

Sir Stafford Cripps, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, will represent Britain.

The Finance Committee advises the Atlantic Pact Council. Since the Committee first met last December, its permanent staff has been studying the financial and economic requirements of the North Atlantic defence programme.

The first of a series of meetings of the Western Union and Atlantic Pact Military Defence Committees will begin at The Hague on March 23, culminating in a meeting of the Atlantic Pact Defence Ministers on March 31. The five regional groups of the Atlantic Pact have been drawing up plans for the defence of their regions. The talks at The Hague will seek to co-ordinate regional plans and study their practicability.

The Foreign Ministers of the Atlantic Pact countries will meet later in April or May with the result of The Hague meeting before them.—Reuter.

CHILD ACTRESS 'NEAR HYSTERIA'

Hollywood, March 21. A minister testified today that he once saw the child actress Lora Lee Michel bruised and on the point of hysteria.

The Reverend Elford Sundstrun of Burbank was the first prosecution witness in the trial of Mrs. Lorraine Michel, aged 42, on charges that she starved and beat the nine-year-old actress because she was growing too big for film roles.

Lora Lee herself was hidden in an office in the court building during the morning session, then appeared at lunch time and posed for photographers, sitting on the witness stand.

The minister said he saw Lora Lee on December 18 in the office of her dramatic coach and called the deputy sheriff to examine her.

"She was severely bruised and on the point of hysteria," he said. "She had black and blue marks on her arms, shoulders, buttocks and legs."—United Press.

SWEDEN WOULD FIGHT

Stockholm, March 22. If Sweden is involved in a war against her will, she will defend her independence to the utmost.

The Swedish Foreign Minister, M. Oesten Unden, declared in a foreign policy speech today.

But her policy is the same as it was always been—neutrality.—Reuter.

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Brussels, March 21. Belgium tonight is still without a Government. The "caretaker" Prime Minister, M. Gaston Eyskens, has so far been unable to form an administration to replace his Catholic-Liberal Coalition, which resigned on Saturday.

In talks between leaders of the Catholic and Liberal Parties, a hardening of the Liberal opposition to the return of King Leopold appears tonight to have compromised plans for the early formation of a new Coalition.

Earlier, the Prime Minister had forecast a new Coalition within hours.

Meanwhile, the Socialist Members of Parliament announced that they would lead "Stop Leopold" parades in the industrialized South on Friday, when 300,000 workers stage a second one-day "warning" strike against the King's restoration.

They said they would lead demonstrations through Liege, Mons and Charleroi against King Leopold's restoration.

The Socialist Members of Parliament also today gave 100,000 Belgian francs to the fighting fund of the "Stop Leopold" Action Committee formed by the party, trade unionists and other Socialist supporters.

The tense labour situation eased a little today when Antwerp dockers and 10,000 Brussels "Stop Leopold" strikers returned to work. But Council employees in four boroughs of the bilingual capital began their own strike and tramwaymen also threatened a walk-out.

Rumours that the Walloon social organisations have decided to link up with a "Free Walloon" movement, to set up a separate autonomous State, caused a stir today.

Spaak's advice

M. Joseph Marlot, former Socialist Minister and a Walloon leader, said that applications to join the new movement are pouring in from the Southern provinces.

The growing threat of stoppages is causing a run on food shops and some shopkeepers have sold out their tinny stocks.

Workers are today reconstructing and redecorating a wing of

Britain's offer on EPU plan

Paris, March 21. Britain today circulated to the other 17 Marshall Plan nations her conditions for joining the proposed European Payments Union.

The offer was put informally in a 15-page document to delegations of the Organisation for European Economic Co-operation.

An official of the British delegation said today, "We simply feel that the currency which carries 50 per cent of the world's trade cannot be treated on the same basis as currencies of European countries."

Unilateral nations, often critical of Britain's caution in committing herself to European arrangements because of Sterling Area implications, have not yet reacted to the proposal.

Britain's objections to the scheme have arisen largely from a fear that she might lose gold or dollars to countries with large accumulations of Sterling.

Meanwhile, the 18-nation Payments Committee of the OEEC, under the Chairmanship of M. Hubert Ansiaux of Belgium, today began a technical consideration of the principles of the Union. Their work is expected to go on until June.—Reuter.

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BIGWIN CONFERENCE

One of the principal changes in Commonwealth affairs in the last 10 years has been the giving up of the old system of formal Imperial Conferences. In their place have come the informal meetings of Commonwealth Prime Ministers. These are being supplemented by meetings of Commonwealth Foreign Ministers; the Colombo Conference was the first experiment in these foreign policy conferences.

It is generally agreed that business is much more effectively and rapidly handled at these informal meetings than it was at the elaborate conferences of pre-war days.

There is, however, one disadvantage in the new system. The informal meetings do not get the same publicity as did the old-fashioned Imperial Conferences, such as the Ottawa Conference. This has been commented on by the Conservative leader, Mr. R. A. Butler. He writes: "Little news emanating from the meetings of the Commonwealth Prime Ministers has reached the public in their various countries. There is therefore a real danger that the metamorphosis which has taken place in Commonwealth relations may not be fully understood. If this were to happen, the magnificent spirit of friendliness which prevails and the desire to work together may either fitter away or be wasted." For these people who are not in politics or in the civil service, it is hard to discover what is happening in Commonwealth affairs. It has been suggested that the general public in the Commonwealth knows rather less about the structure and working of the Commonwealth than it knew a dozen years ago. There is great need for publicity about the Commonwealth—not for consumption abroad but for consumption inside the Commonwealth.

One of the best available instruments for spreading knowledge about Commonwealth affairs is the periodical unofficial conferences on Commonwealth affairs which are organised by the Institutes of International Affairs of the different Dominions. There have so far been four of these conferences. The first took place in 1933. The most recent was held last autumn, in Canada, at a place with the improbable sounding name Bigwin. Each Dominion sent a very distinguished delegation of political leaders and experts. These conferences pass no resolutions and formulate no policies. The delegations represent nobody but themselves. For this very reason, discussion is much freer than would be possible at an official conference which had the responsibility for initiating action. At Bigwin discussion roamed over almost every point which could be of interest to the public of any of the Dominions.

Free discussion

A brief summary of the proceedings of the conference has now been published. The im-

portance of the conference is described very well in the foreword. "It is the cap between official action and public knowledge which these unofficial Commonwealth Conferences may hope to fill. Delegates to them, representative of national viewpoints, may speak with authority, but without the inhibitions of direct

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responsibility for decision and policy. Every discussion at such conferences suggests where progress may usefully be made and warns where new departures, however attractive superficially or excellent in themselves, are not practicable because they are not in accord with the general sense of the Commonwealth. These things may help to explain why, generally at a discount, the fourth in the series of unofficial Commonwealth Relations Conferences was by general acclaim the most successful."

One of the main aims of this Bigwin conference was to take stock of new developments, and present the picture and philosophy of the Commonwealth in the shape which it has taken in the

middle of this century. One essential fact about the Commonwealth is that its nature is changing constantly. Such momentous developments as the ending of the British Empire in India, and the accession of India, Pakistan, and Ceylon as voluntary members of the Commonwealth, could not happen without causing changes in the whole Commonwealth structure. But it proved hard for the delegates to define the new meaning of the Commonwealth. The discussion is summarized in the report as follows. "An Australian said we know blindly, or rather we feel, that there is something peculiar and we feel that it is worth while. Any attempt at rational analysis might create difficulties and misinterpretations and might even lead to the introduction of perplexities that should not be there." But to others this shrinking from clarification was quite unnecessary. For them the Commonwealth was an association of States which outraged all Australian theories of sovereignty, but did work. Its members possessed a relationship which was variously described as resembling that of a family or a club. They had in common a liberal democratic ethic based upon ideals of free discussion, peaceful change and gradualism. It was the sense of community which gave Commonwealth meetings their timeliness and ensured discussion which could not be found in the United Nations or the Council of Europe."

Judging from the report, it does not seem that anything very original or unusual or controversial was propounded at Bigwin. It was agreed that the effect of the new status of India, Pakistan and Ceylon was to shift Eastwards the balance of power in the Commonwealth. It was agreed that it would be a mistake to try to secure a common foreign policy or defence policy by all the members of the Commonwealth. "It was sounder, to admit open differences of opinion (in foreign policy) than to attempt to reach agreement on a single Commonwealth policy which would of necessity be so vague as to be quite unsatisfactory." On the other hand, recognition of the impossibility of achieving a single foreign policy did not preclude agreement upon the importance of a common purpose for individual foreign policies. Such a purpose might be the defence of free institutions and the democratic way of life. Here the "alliance-potential" of the Commonwealth could be helpful in deterring an aggressor. It was clear that support excited for such a common purpose."

Democratic poet

Proof that poetry is any man's business—even an Emperor's—comes from Japan.

Writing from Tokyo, correspondent Richard Hughes reveals that diligent efforts are being made by the Imperial Household to boost Emperor Hirohito as a democratic poet—with the humanitarian qualities of an Oriental John Massfield.

So far the efforts seem to be succeeding. Non-stop during the past few weeks, literary critics throughout Japan have been applauding the Emperor's contributions to one of Tokyo's most high-brow magazines. Inspiring the critics to even higher praise, is the fact that the Emperor has apparently no thought of reward when writing his poems.

"I write for the sake of the Great Art," he says—and can only just be persuaded to accept complimentary copies of his poems.

Nor is the urge for writing poetry anything new as far as the Emperor is concerned. There are those in Japan who recall—rather carelessly perhaps—that the Emperor was an earnest poet as far back as 1941. It was, in fact, in September of that year when the Emperor with the plans of Pearl Harbour that Hirohito gave one his most famous recitations:

In a world
I think
There are all brotherly seas;
Why do the waves
Disturb their case?

After which, without waiting for the applause of the Council, Hirohito the "democratic" Emperor Poet, sat down and approved the Pearl Harbour dawn attack plans.

SOFIA SENTENCES

Sofia, March 21.—Six men and a woman were sent to prison here today—once for life—as "Trotskyist spies." They said they accepted the judgment and would not appeal.

All confessed and their leader, Stefan Manov, who was sentenced to the life term, said he had placed himself at the disposal of the British Espionage Service in 1940.

Other sentences, awarded by the Sofia District Court, ranged up to 15 years. The woman got 10 years.—Reuter.

United opinion

It was agreed by all except the Australian delegates that a Commonwealth secretariat would create more difficulties than it solved. It would overlap the duties of the various High Commissioners' offices. Most Commonwealth countries would be suspicious of its political activities. There are already bodies for dealing with specific questions, and more could be created if necessary. Still more emphatically it was agreed that there should be no support for schemes of federating the Commonwealth.

Opinion on these points seems to have been so united that it is clear that nothing would be gained at present by raising again any proposals for closer institutional unity in the Commonwealth. Yet reading this report of the Bigwin conference, it is hard not to feel that the conference ignored more or less completely the warning put before it by Sir Frederick Eggleston, the war-time Australian Minister at Chungking.

"There is a danger that in order to keep within the group, the States with non-British minorities or majorities, the co-operation within the Commonwealth may be stepped down to such a level that it is inadequate to meet the problems that face it." The Conference discussed the creation of a Commonwealth Council which would do inside the Commonwealth something like the work of the British Council in the outside world. But this is hardly an adequate reply to Sir Frederick Eggleston's warning.



These two pictures, made at the opening of the Spanish art exhibition in Cairo show two Egyptian Princesses wearing similar fashions. At left is Princess Fikra, sister of King Farouk, and at right Princess Nazli Shah, wife of Prince Abdul Wahed, a cousin of King Farouk. Both Princesses wore the new high upstanding collar and haiz worn on the back of the head. (Associated Press Photo).

NEW ANGLO-EGYPTIAN NEGOTIATIONS HINTED

London, March 21.

Extreme caution was preserved today both at the Foreign Office and at the Egyptian Embassy on the nature of the exchanges which took place this morning when the Egyptian Ambassador, Abdel Fattah Amr Pasha, called on the Foreign Secretary, Mr. Ernest Bevin.

Spokesman on both sides were unable to disclose whether the Ambassador, who returned last week to London from a two-months' stay in Cairo, had breached the question of negotiations for a new Anglo-Egyptian agreement to replace the Treaty of 1936.

General strike call in Italy

Rome, March 21.

Italy's Communist-led Central General Labour Confederation (CGIL) today called for a nation-wide general strike to protest against new Government police measures.

The CGIL's Executive instructed its Secretariat to decide on the date and duration of the strike.

The Confederation's decision was taken at an emergency executive meeting, called to discuss the new suppression of disorder measures taken over the weekend by the Christian Democrat Minister of the Interior, Mr. Mario Scelba, opponent of the Italian Left.

The measures included the re-imposition of a law requiring the proprietor's permission for workers' factory meetings, the granting of powers to local prefects to ban political demonstrations for up to three months, and re-strengthening of the country's police force to its April, 1948 (General Election) level of 70,000.

Today, demonstrating steel workers clashed with police at Colleferro, North of here. Several union leaders were arrested.—Reuter.

SERETSE CASE

London, March 21

Mr. Percy Fraenkel, lawyer for Seretse Khama, the exiled chief-designate of the Bamangwato tribe, said today in a letter he has sent to the Commonwealth Relations Minister suggesting for the second time, that Seretse should go back as chief for a two-year probationary period.—Reuter.

ACHESON UNDER FIRE

Washington, March 21.

A Republican Senator today accused the Secretary of State, Mr. Dean Acheson of undermining the national economy and losing the peace.

Mr. Kenneth Wherry, Senator of Nebraska, made the statement in a speech prepared for delivery in his State.

The attack is thought to herald a Republican effort to make a political campaign issue of Mr. Acheson and his policies.

President Truman last night made it clear that he is sticking by his Secretary of State and approves his conduct and policies.

He issued a strongly worded denial from Key West, Florida, where he is on holiday, of reports that he intends replacing Mr. Acheson.

Mr. Wherry said, "Dean Acheson is the most powerful man in the Government today. The voice is the voice of President Truman but the hand is the hand of Dean Acheson."

"Apparently, he has become so powerful, as the idol of left wing, appease-Russia agitators, that President Truman is fearful, afraid Mr. Acheson, that he will lose the support of the Socialist pressure group in the coming elections and in 1937."

Two other Republicans, members of the House of Representatives, Mr. James Byrnes of Wisconsin and Mr. Thomas Werdell of California, attacked Mr. Acheson in the House yesterday for his role in allowing M. Valentin Gubichev, convicted Russian spy, to be deported to Russia and so escape a 15-year imprisonment sentence.—Reuter.

WAR MINISTER DENIES CHARGES

London, March 21

The War Minister, Mr. John Strachey, today denied "as utterly without foundation" charges that he had tried to suppress a book criticising the East African Groundnuts Scheme, when he was Food Minister.

The book, "The Groundnuts Affair," was written by Mr. Alan Wood, Public Relations Officer of the Overseas Food Corporation, the Government body which administers the Scheme.

In a personal statement to the House of Commons, Mr. Strachey said that, with the author's knowledge, the publisher showed him proofs of the book. Mr. Strachey told him he considered parts of it a grave distortion of the history of the Scheme, and that he would be compelled to take action on its publication.

"At no time was there any question of my bringing proceedings for libel," he added.—Reuter.

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ADENAUER SAYS:

WAR WOULD BE WORTH WHILE FOR RUSSIANS

Bonn, March 21.

The West German Chancellor, Dr. Konrad Adenauer, is convinced that any war would be worth while for Soviet Russia which places Europe in its hands.

"It would be a great mistake if the Western world allowed itself to be lulled into sleep by a false sense of security," he declared in a statement which gave details of a recent Press interview by the Chancellor.

"American armament has advanced so far that there is no immediate danger of the United States being conquered," he said.

"DUNKIRK" TO BE RE-ENACTED

London, March 21.

The Hardy British yachtsmen and "Sunday sailors" who helped to rescue the British expeditionary force from Dunkirk beaches in 1940 are to make the trip again.

It is a sentimental journey commemorating the great armada of little ships which steamed from England to the French shore 10 years ago to aid the hardpressed Royal Navy. Bombed and strafed, the amateur sailors sailed from beach to ship, embarking the exhausted British and Allied troops driven to the coast by the Nazi blitzkrieg.

Many civilian would-be rescuers died with the soldiers they tried to save. German fighters added their tiny vessels with machine-gun fire. Some launches sank under the weight of the troops crowded aboard. But most got home.

Tentative date for the commemorative trip is June 4, 1950. It was not at a meeting of ship captains aboard the Wellington, Headquarters ship of the Honourable Company of Master Mariners, moored in the Thames River. A committee under Captain William H. Coombs, barrister and master mariner, was appointed to make arrangements.

Said Captain Coombs: "We want to recapture the spirit and memory of Dunkirk. We have been in touch with the Mayor of Dunkirk and are assured of a great welcome there. The plan is for a fleet of little ships—yachts, lighters, launches—to follow the course to Dunkirk taken in 1940. A memorial service will be held either in Dunkirk or on the beaches.

Fewer risks will be taken this time. Warned the Ministry of Transport: "During the 1940 evacuation we could have little regard for the seaworthiness of the ships which went to the rescue. But in 1950 practical seamen should make sure that only suitable craft make the trip. We can't count on the calm weather we had in 1940."

The sailors hope that the wartime Premier Winston Churchill will see them off—Associated Press.

U.S. DEFENCE APPROPRIATION

Washington, March 21. The House Appropriations Committee today approved \$13,911,127,300 for national defence in the next fiscal year beginning July 1.

The Committee said that even this big sum might be too little to prepare the United States for an emergency. The need for economy and financial stability kept it from raising the total. The Committee admitted grave risks are being taken in not financing a better prepared programme—Associated Press.



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"However, I doubt whether the Soviet leaders are so convinced of the state of American armament that a war would not pay for the Soviet Union."

"It is my conviction that any war would be worth while for Soviet Russia which places Europe in its hands."

"Whether, after a Soviet conquest of Europe, the United States would fight for its liberation, seems to me not only questionable but improbable," Dr. Adenauer continued.

"Therefore, I believe that the temptation for Soviet Russia to make war is greater than is generally supposed."

"In these circumstances peace can only be assured if the Soviet leaders are convinced of the impossibility of the conquest of Europe."

Western Europe

Turning to the position in Western Europe, Dr. Adenauer said, "It is not very promising. Great Britain, in consequence of the recent Elections, is not in the position to take bold steps. That is quite clear in the field of foreign policy. The Government and the Opposition have, in contrast to the usual British tradition, very different views upon the defence of Western Europe."

"In Italy there are serious domestic conflicts. In France an strike follows another. The Council of Europe has so far obtained no noteworthy success. In this state of affairs a genuine belief in the future of Europe is not strong."

"Soviet Russia knows that quite well. But I am convinced that the entire position could be altered overnight if the world could secure an effective proof that Europe has still the strength for fresh life. The Government of Soviet Russia really could be convinced of the firm resolve of Western Europe to take a new and decisive step, then that would have a profound influence upon Soviet policy in Europe and throughout the world."

Union with Franco

Turning to the problem of union with France, Dr. Adenauer pointed to the disunited state of Germany after the Napoleonic wars.

"A Customs Union and a Customs Parliament," he said, "were the beginning of European unity. I am thinking of a similar procedure. One should bring the two countries together gradually on the basis of Customs and economy."

He suggested that a common Economic Parliament could be established containing elected members of the Parliaments of the two countries.

The two Governments could found an organization which would be responsible for carrying out the decisions of the Economic Parliament.

"In the course of time," he continued, "the functions of the Economic Parliament and the Economic Government representation could be extended so as to bring the two countries together step by step."

Time for action

"The Saar conventions," Dr. Adenauer continued, "give an example of the way in which two countries can be merged together."

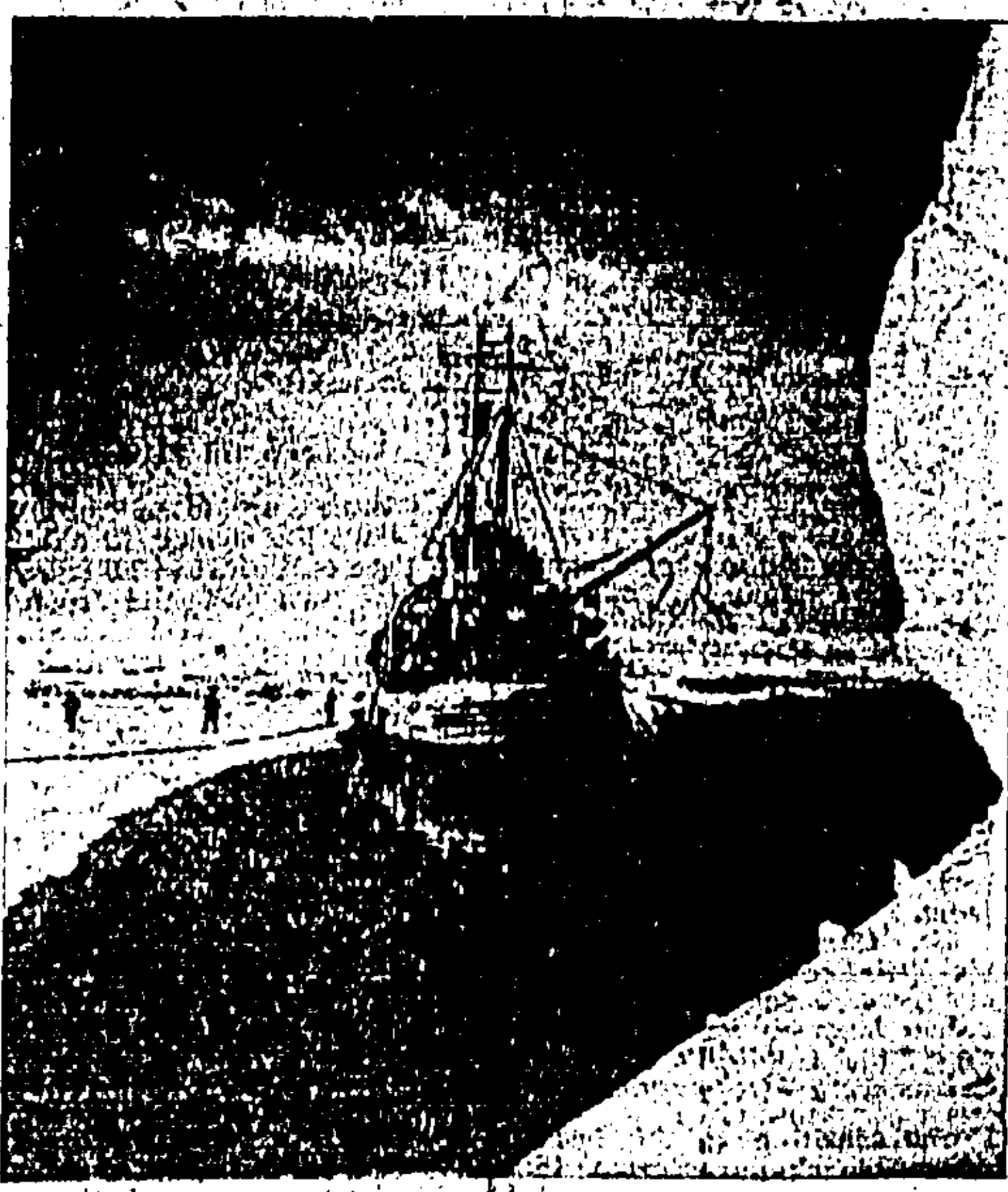


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In the Antarctic



The French Antarctic expedition which left Brest, France, aboard the "Commandant Charcot" reached its destination in mid-January when it arrived at Cape Discovery in Adelle Land. Eleven members of the crew will stay three more than a year to make scientific observations. Photo shows the "Commandant Charcot" moored to an ice floe when nearing Cape Discovery.—(Associated Press Photo).

Jerusalem attack on trusteeship

Geneva, March 21.

The text of a telegram from the Jewish Mayor of Jerusalem, Mr. Daniel Auster, stating that the entire population of the city will never agree to trusteeship was published here today.

The telegram, which was addressed to M. Roger Garreau, President of the Trusteeship Council, which is at present debating the statute for Jerusalem, declared:

"On behalf of the entire population of Jerusalem, I strongly oppose any plan to internationalise Jerusalem. Three thousand years ago, Jerusalem was a sovereign State having given to the world the highest moral and cultural values of the Bible, etc."

"We will never agree to trusteeship. We are an integral part of Israel and its eternal capital."

Mr. Auster said he supports a proposal by France and the United States which lays down that such property shall either be restored or transferred to another church, or mission or other religious or charitable agency, representative of the same confession.

This would permit that the ownership of the property held before the last war by, for example, the German Lutheran Church, could be legally resumed by the Swedish Lutheran Church.

Mr. Eban cited several commercial concerns formerly owned by German religious institutions to illustrate the complexity of the problem.—Reuter.

H-bomb test in Pacific rumoured

Washington, March 21.

Atomic Energy Commission officials today refused to confirm Press reports that the hydrogen bomb will be tested at Eniwetok Atoll in April.

The official said: "We do not deny; we do not comment." This is the usual answer given by the Commission to any question, bearing on future operations.

The Commission has announced that another atomic test will be made, but even the date has never been disclosed. However, sources with close contacts at the Commission doubt the accuracy of the report of a Press association (not the United Press) because the development of the first hydrogen bomb is expected to take longer than the period between President Truman's announced decision to make it and April, when the unconfirmed reports said, the bomb would be tested.—United Press.

AIR COLLISION

Toulon, March 21.

Two military training planes collided in mid-air near here today, killing the two pilots.

One plane had its tail torn off before crashing in a back garden. The other exploded in the air.—Reuter.

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MANILA FORGERY SCANDAL

Manila, March 22.

The biggest counterfeiting case in Philippine history took on an international angle today following a stout denial by the Chinese Embassy of a statement by the counterfeiter's leader that the bogus dollar notes manufactured were intended for payment of Chiang Kai-shek's troops.

The statement, made by Anti-Pineda Pineda, 40-year-old self-confessed organizer of the counterfeiting gang, was termed utterly fantastic by a spokesman for the Chinese Embassy.

Pineda claimed his operations started with a deal with Nationalist agent; who wanted to buy \$500,000 for the Nationalist troops.

The Embassy spokesman said there was no truth whatsoever to this part of Pineda's confession.

A police captain discounted Pineda's claim of an alleged contract with Nationalist agents. The police have not entirely dropped, however, the theory that bogus dollar notes may have been produced at least in part for export abroad.

An unconfirmed rumour said a local banker had purchased \$200,000 worth of bogus \$50 bills with the intention of smuggling them to dollar-hungry South East Asian countries, including Indonesia.

Pineda and his companions were allowed provisional liberty after each had posted \$5,000 bail.

The police are looking deeper into suspected connections between the counterfeiter and an American dentist, Edward Jensen, aged 32, formerly of Ogden, Utah, whose arrest last week led to raids on forgers' hideouts and the seizure of more than \$4,000 worth of bogus \$50 notes and printing paraphernalia last night.

Jensen, who was allegedly found with forged \$50 bills in his possession, was charged with counterfeiting, illegal possession of firearms and theft of other firearms. There are indications that Jensen had acquired the forged notes from the Pineda gang. Pineda is reported to have received two cheques on American banks which were found to be non-existent. The cheques were presumably paid to Pineda in exchange for counterfeit notes.—United Press.

Marseilles, March 21. Dock workers clashed with police here today shortly after taking a vote to go on with their strike against the war in Vietnam. Several of the dockers were arrested.—Reuter.



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MARRIAGE

EBERLE-THOMPSON. — On March 11, at Yateon Parish Church by the Very Rev. the Dean of Bristol and the Rev. Prebendary G. A. Beechey, Lieut. James Henry Fuller Eberle, R.N., son of Mr. and Mrs. V. Fuller Eberle, of Claverham, nr. Bristol, to Ann Patricia, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Thompson, of Hongkong.

A CRUEL DISAPPOINTMENT

The cancellation of the trip of the "General Gordon" to Shanghai has been a cruel blow to many people. Most of those booked to go from here were women and children prepared and anxious to face whatever the future held for them beside their menfolk. The far larger number booked to leave Shanghai had disposed of all their belongings for what has been called a pittance. The breakdown of the arrangements thus bears a callous complexion which makes it all the more deplorable.

The ostensible reason for the breakdown was the refusal of the Communist authorities to allow the two shallow-draft landing craft to go up river by the unmined channel. This refusal in turn has been attributed to some doubt in the minds of the local Shanghai authorities as to the precise status of these ships. They belong to the American Navy but were actually chartered to the American President Line and manned by merchant sailors. That surely was explained to them. But one is entitled to assume that the reason ran deeper than this.

The last time this liner went up to Shanghai on a similar mission she went right up river. That was before the reported mining of the normal channel. Naturally the Communists resent this mining. One wonders why they haven't done something about it. They ought to be able to sweep this channel, and keep it swept. But in any case they have seen fit to blame others, and the Americans especially, for the entire blockade and bombing. They prefer to regard the Nationalists as mere cyphers, which they decidedly are not, and nobody knows that better than the Americans themselves.

But if the Communists resented all along any attempt to sidetrack and circumvent the issue of the blockade, they ought to have made that clear from the first and refused visas accordingly. Alternative routes could always have been arranged, at least for the diplomatic personnel. Tientsin, for example, is a safe and busy port. Trains have made direct runs between Shanghai and Canton, and one went through even to Kowloon.

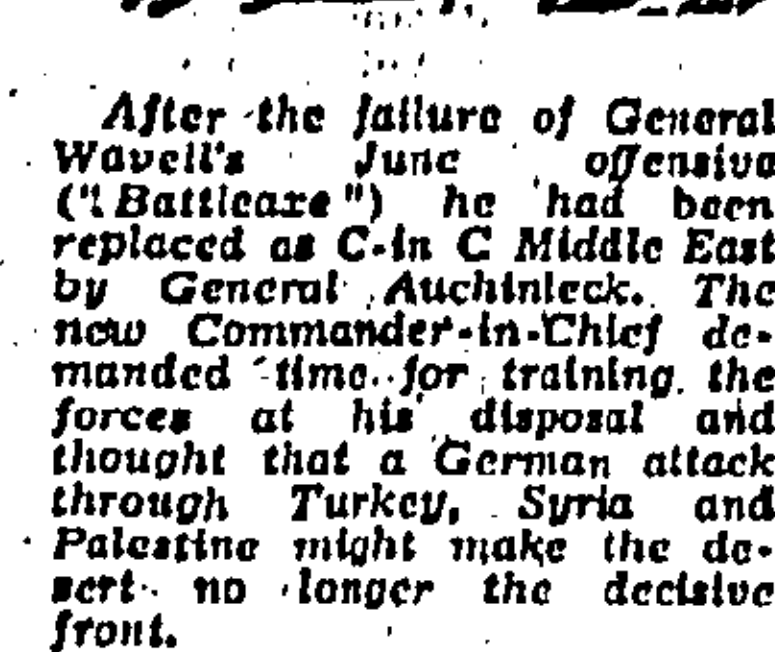
There appears to have been a sudden change of decision. If that was purely local, it may not be over-ridden. A number of motives have been put forward which might well influence the local authorities in Shanghai. One not hitherto mentioned was the fact that yesterday morning there was a Nationalist air raid on the waterfront—a very bad bit of timing unless it was expressly designed to make trouble. But it is probable that in so important a matter as this, the decision would rest with the higher authorities in Peking. Hitches, which are usually called "misunderstandings" are always possible. These

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Crisis in the M. East

By Winston Churchill



being continually strengthened at a much greater rate both in men and material.

After the failure of General Wavell's offensive, the "Battlegroup" he had been replaced as C-in-C Middle East by General Auchinleck. The new Commander-in-Chief demanded time for training the forces at his disposal and thought that a German attack through Turkey, Syria and Palestine might make the desert no longer the decisive front.

Mr. Churchill felt "sharp disappointment" at the "serious divergence of views and values between us," and thought that "the General's early decisions were also perplexing." I was sensitive to the hostile propaganda which asserted that it was the British policy to fight with any other troops but our own and thus avoid the shedding of United Kingdom blood. British casualties in the Middle East, including Greece and Crete, had in fact been greater than those of all our other forces together, but the nomenclature which was customary gave a false impression of the facts.

The Indian divisions, of which one-third of the infantry and the whole of the artillery were British, were not the British-Indian divisions. The armoured divisions, which had borne the brunt of the fighting, were entirely British, but this did not appear in their names. The fact that British troops were barely mentioned in any report of the fighting gave colour to the enemy's taunts, and provoked unfavourable comment not only in the United States but in Australia.

I had looked forward to the arrival of the 10th Division as an effective counter to these disparaging currents. General Auchinleck's decision to pick this as the division to send to Cyprus certainly seemed unfortunate, and lent substance to the reproaches to which we were unjustly subjected. The 10th Division at home were equally astonished on military grounds that so strange a use should be made of this magnificent body of men. Indeed, it could not be reconciled with any strategic conception comprehensible to our thought.

Serious resolve

A far more serious resolve by General Auchinleck was to delay all action against Rommel in the Western Desert, at first for three and eventually for more than four and a half months. The cancellation of Wavell's action of June 15, "Battlegroup," is found in the fact that although we were somewhat worsted and withdrew to our original position the Germans were utterly unable to advance for the whole of this prolonged period.

Their communications, threatened by Tobruk were insufficient to bring them the necessary reinforcements of armour or even of artillery ammunition to enable Rommel to do more than hold on by his will-power and prestige. The feeding of his force imposed so heavy a strain upon him that it could only grow gradually. In these circumstances he should have been engaged continuously by the British Army, which had ample road, rail, and sea communications, and was

generals are often prone, if they have the chance, to choose a set-piece battle, when all is ready, rather than to wear down the enemy by continued unrelenting fighting. They naturally prefer certainty to hazard. They forget that, war never stops, but burns on from day to day with ever-changing results not only in the theatre but in all. At this time the Russian armies were in the crisis of their agony.

A third misconception seemed to me to be a disproportionate concern for our Northern flank. This indeed required the utmost vigilance and justified many defensive preparations and the construction of strong fortified lines in Palestine and Syria. The situation in this quarter, however, soon became vastly better than in June. Syria was conquered. The Iraq rebellion had been suppressed. All the key points in the desert were held by our troops. Above all, the struggle between Germany and Russia gave new confidence to Turkey. While this hung in the balance there was no chance in the German demand for the passage of her armies through Turkish territory. Persia was soon to be brought into the Allied camp by British and Russian action. This would carry us beyond the winter. In the meantime the general situation favoured decisive action in the Western Desert.

On July 19 the Chiefs of Staff, telegraphed to General Auchinleck: "You said that an offensive in the Western Desert could not be contemplated until you had at least two and preferably three properly trained armoured divisions. Until Germany attacked Russia it was impossible for us to contemplate sending any considerable reinforcement of cruiser tanks from here, since we had to regard invasion in the West as a distinct possibility. It is now clear that this possibility has now disappeared altogether, since Russia might crack quite soon, but we are prepared to take a chance if by doing so we can regain Cyrenaica, with all the benefits that this implies."

In your telegram of July 13 you expressed a doubt whether you can maintain Tobruk after September. We therefore assume that any offensive to regain Cyrenaica cannot be postponed beyond that month. In our estimation there is every chance of our relative air strengths improving up to September, and possibly even continuing to improve after that date, but this of course depends upon the outcome of the present Russian campaign.

Having regard to the above considerations, I look from here, that the best use of the only chance of retaking Cyrenaica is to launch an offensive by the end of September at the latest. Would you feel like doing that if we were to send you an additional 150 cruiser tanks at once? We reckon they could reach Suez by September 13-20.

In full accord, also telegraphed personally: Prime Minister to General Auchinleck. 19 July 41.

The Defence Committee were concerned to see the 50th Division, one complete, fresh British division, locked up in Cyprus in what appeared to be a purely defensive role, and wonder whether other troops might not have been found. They did not see how a German offensive could develop upon Syria, Palestine and Iraq from the North before the end of September at the earliest. The Defence Committee felt that Persia was in far greater danger of German infiltration and intrigue, and that strong action should be taken there. This however is in General Wavell's sphere, and his evident wish to act is receiving urgent and earnest attention here.

repeated that to launch an offensive with the inadequate forces at present at our disposal is not in my opinion, a justifiable operation of war, and is almost certain to result in a further lengthy postponement of the date on which we can assume offensive with reasonable chances of success. To gain results risks must be run, and I am ready to run them if they are reasonably justifiable. Finally:

My immediate intentions are: First, to consolidate our positions in Cyprus and Syria as rapidly as possible, and to maintain our position in latter. Secondly, to press on with the badly-needed regrouping, reorganisation, and re-equipment of divisions and forces, which have not only suffered casualties and losses of equipment in Greece, Crete, Libya, Eritrea, and Syria, but have had to be [used] in most instances not as formations but as piecemeal. Thirdly, with the Infantry-General, to speedily reorganise and modernise of the rearward services of supply, movement, and repairs. Fourthly, to safeguard the training and equipment of our armoured formations, without which no offensive is possible. Fifthly, to reconnoitre and plan intensively for an offensive in Libya as foreshadowed in telegram of July 19 from Commanders-in-Chief to Chiefs of Staff. As a result of this planning, I shall, I am sure, be asking you in near future for further means necessary to success.

I could not help feeling at this time a stiffness in General Auchinleck's attitude, which would not be helpful to our interests. Books written since the war have shown how subordinate but influential portions of the Cairo Operations Staff had deplored the decision to send the Army to Greece. They did not know how fully and willingly General Wavell had accepted this policy, still less, how searching the War Cabinet and Chiefs of Staff had the issue to him, almost inviting a negative Wavell. It was suggested, had been led astray by the political class, and the whole of our disasters had followed on his compliance with their wishes. Now, as a reward for his good nature, he had been removed after all his victories in the moment of defeat.

In circles of the Staff there was a strong feeling that the new Commander should not let himself be pressed into hazardous adventures, but should take his time and work on certainties. Such a mood might well have been partly shared by General Auchinleck. It was already clear that not much progress would be made by correspondence.

Prime Minister to General Auchinleck. 23 July 41.

All your telegrams to us and ours show that we should have a talk. Chiefs of Staff greatly desire this. Unless the immediate military situation prevents your leaving, hope you will come at once, bringing with you one or two Staff officers. In your absence, very few should be kept secret. Blamey (the Australian commander) will act for you. Auchinleck was willing to come. His brief visit to London was from many points of view helpful. He placed himself in harmonious relations with members of the War Cabinet, with the Chiefs of Staff, and with the War Office. He spent a long week-end with me at Chequers. As we got to know better this distinguished officer, upon whose qualities our fortunes were now so largely to depend, and as he became acquainted with the high circle of the British war machine and saw how easily and smoothly it worked, mutual confidence grew.

On the other hand, we could not induce him to depart from his resolve to have a prolonged delay in order to prepare a set-piece offensive on November 1. This was to be called "Crusade." I would be the largest operation we had yet launched. It was certainly a very bold move, and I was myself unconvinced. But General Auchinleck's unquestioned abilities, his powers of exposition, his high, dignified, and commanding personality, gave me the feeling that he might after all be right, and that even if wrong he was still the best man.

I therefore yielded to the November date for the offensive, and turned my energies to making it a success. We were all very anxious that we could not persuade him to entrust the battle, when it should come, to General Maitland Wilson. He preferred instead General Alan Cunningham, whose reputation stood high on the morale of the Australian Victoria. We had to make the best of it and that is never worth doing by halves. Thus we shared his responsibility by endorsing his decision.

successes which had crowned it, but none the less they deemed him in great peril. They strictly forbade him to run any further risks until he could be strongly reinforced. Perhaps, with his prestige, he might blunt it out, in the precarious position in which he stood, until they could bring him the utmost aid in their power.

The line of communications trailed back a thousand miles to Tripoli. Benghazi was a valuable short cut for a part at any rate of his supplies and fresh troops, but a toll of increasing severity had to be paid on the sea transport to both these bases. British forces, already largely superior in numbers, were growing daily. The German tank superiority existed only in quality and organisation. They were weaker in the air. They were very short of artillery ammunition and feared greatly to have to fire it off. Tobruk seemed a deadly threat in Rommel's rear, from which at any moment a sortie might be made, cutting his communications. They could not tell what offensive plans were being hatched by Rommel or any of the advances of our main body. However, while we remained motionless they could be thankful for every day that passed.

Mr. Menzies, the Australian Prime Minister, left us in May, 1941. His prolonged visit to England had been most valuable. He had sat through two critical months with the War Cabinet, and had shared many of our most difficult decisions. He had not been satisfied either with the organisation of the Cabinet or with my exercise of such wide powers in the conduct of the war. He raised both points with me on several occasions, and I gave my reasons for not agreeing with him.

He desired the formation of an Imperial War Cabinet containing representatives of each of the four great governing Dominions. On his homeward journey through Canada Mr. Menzies formally submitted his proposals in writing to Mr. Maclellan, General Smuts, and Mr. Fraser. None of them was however in favour of the change, and Mr. Maclellan King, in particular, deployed formidable constitutional arguments against it. Canada's being committed by her representative to the decisions of a council in London.

Soon, however, important changes took place in the Australian Government. As was natural, there were on the "row" of so many misfortune differences of opinion in the Commonwealth Cabinet about the conduct of the war. The Labour party in Australia opposed a vote approving Mr. Menzies' visit to London. In view of these political manifestations both within and outside the Government, he placed his resignation in the hands of his colleagues and offered to serve in an Australian National Cabinet. On August 25 the Australian Labour party rejected this proposal and decried the resignation of the Government. On the 28th Mr. Menzies resigned, and was succeeded by his deputy, Mr. Fadden.

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"Gold miners tear up main street as clerk finds nugget." The street was not paved with gold; on the contrary, in fact.

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LIE'S 20-YEAR PEACE PLAN

Hong Kong textiles raised in Commons

London, March 21. Mr. Harold Wilson, President of the Board of Trade, told Parliament today that any suggestion that protective duties or quotas should be imposed against the British colonies would have far-reaching implications indeed. He was replying to Mr. Stanley Prescott, Conservative Member for the Darwen Division of Lancashire, who had asked what the Government's future policy was towards imports of finished textile goods from Hong Kong.

MONEY BILL IN CONGRESS

Washington, March 21. A \$29,045,030,164 appropriation bill, covering the major expenses of running the United States Government next year, went to Congressmen today.

As approved by the House Appropriations Committee, the measure carries about \$1,500,000,000 less than President Harry Truman asked in his budget message for the next fiscal year, which begins July 1. But Republicans say they are going to knock off another billion dollars or more when the bill comes before the House for consideration next week.

Their strategy will be to move to send it back to the Committee with instructions to cut out non-essential expenditures.

The bill is the first one-package approach to the appropriation problem in modern history. It contains funds for almost all activities of the Federal Government except Marshall Aid and fixed charges.

The Appropriations Committee called for a cut of almost eight per cent in State Department funds but said the Voice of America radio broadcasts should be left intact.

The heaviest cut was made in the State Department building fund and its international information and education programme, which includes the radio broadcasts to counter Russia's propaganda abroad.

The Appropriations outlay represents a cost of \$200 for each American.

The House of Representatives will debate the bill next week. Foreign aid and military assistance funds were not included in the bill. They represent an outlay of \$11,592,731,053. Associated Press.

MOLOTOV TAKING MORE POWER

Berlin, March 21. Russia's former Foreign Minister, M. Vyacheslav Molotov, has assumed almost all the executive powers. The Soviet Union to spare the strength of the aging Stalin, Soviet Colonel Nikitavast, said last night, according to the West German news agency, DPA.

The Colonel was addressing a Communist audience in East Berlin. Marshal Stalin is 70.

It was just over a year ago that Moscow Radio announced that M. Molotov had been released from his duties as Foreign Minister and had been succeeded by M. Andrei Vyshinsky.

M. Molotov remained a Deputy Prime Minister of the Soviet Union.

Speculation centred round the suggestion that the dismissal was a concealed promotion, and that M. Molotov had been given overall charge of co-ordinating the industrial and military potential of Russia and Eastern Europe. —Reuter.

ILLEGAL CHINESE IMMIGRANTS IN AUSTRALIA

Brisbane, March 22. The master and agents of the Hindustan Shipping Company's 5,352-ton steamer Hindustan were fined \$2,000 here today for bringing prohibited Chinese immigrants from Hong Kong.

The Chinese were found by customs officers when the ship arrived on February 21. —Reuter.

First steps should be taken now U.S.-SOVIET TENSION

Washington, March 21. The United Nations Secretary General, Mr. Trygve Lie, last night proposed a 20-year programme to win peace between Russia and the United States. He urged that the first steps be taken without delay.

Mr. Lie declared: "It will take a long series of steps to reduce the tensions of conflict and bring the great powers together. I do not believe in political miracles. Equally, I do not think the world can safely delay taking the first steps on this road of negotiation and conciliation."

"I do not mean by negotiations surrender or appeasement by either side. I mean negotiations which imply honest give-and-take by both sides."

"I have been encouraged by recent re-affirmations from two of the leading great powers, the United States and the Soviet Union, about possibilities of a peaceful co-existence between them, and between the different economic and political systems they represent."

"The United Nations was founded upon that belief, and the hope of world peace depends upon its validity. What we need, what the world needs, is a 20-year programme to win peace through the United Nations."

Mr. Lie said: "I have been trying to help member governments settle the question of who is to represent China."

"I am not doing this because the Soviet Union and its neighbours have refused to attend meetings at which China is represented by Nationalist delegates."

"I have never thought that walking out of meetings and staying away from meetings was a good way to settle differences of opinion."

Serious matter

Pointing out that 24 governments, including 13 United Nations members, have recognised the Peking Government, Mr. Lie said: "It is a serious matter to have the Soviet Union staying away from United Nations meetings, but that is not the first consideration."

"The first consideration is the people of China. There are 450,000,000 people in that country—the greatest in the world and in

the United Nations. In terms of population alone.

"The 450,000,000 people of China are collectively original members of the United Nations by the terms of the Charter itself."

"They have the right to be represented in the United Nations, whatever government has the power to employ the resources and direct the people of the State in fulfilment of the obligations of membership in the United Nations. I repeat—whatever government is thus qualified, regardless of its ideology."

British efforts

In London, the Foreign Office confirmed today that Britain is trying to win a majority voting strength of the Security Council to admit Communist China to the United Nations.

On Monday, a British spokesman at Lake Success said that the British Government was trying to win a majority voting strength of the Security Council to admit Communist China to the United Nations.

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The British negotiations, however, were undertaken by the Foreign Secretary, Mr. Ernest Bevin, who apparently believes he has the assent of the United States to try to settle the deadlock.

Taipeh forecast of more landing operations

Taipeh, March 21. The Chinese Nationalists said today that their first raid on the Communist mainland was over and boasted that it was but the overture for larger operations to come.

A Navy spokesman said that part of the landing force which went ashore 200 miles South of Shanghai had withdrawn.

The remainder joined Nationalist guerrillas who had helped them ashore on March 15.

It was not clear whether Sunghmen, the coastal town seized, had been abandoned to the Communists. It still might be held by Nationalist guerrillas.

The spokesman said the Sunghmen operation had proved its worth by showing the Nationalists could get a mainland foothold any time they want it, raising the morale of Nationalist guerrillas and proving that co-operation between the Army, Navy and Air Force was effective.

Aggressive moves by the Nationalists are freely predicted, but none knew where the next blow will fall. The recently activated Joint Chiefs of Staff is a clear indication that new amphibious operations are in the making.

Air Force headquarters said Monday's raid on Shanghai was carried out by a strong fleet of planes. The war planes were over the city for more than 50 minutes.

Heavy damage was claimed along the waterfront area at Luchow, the old international air field South of Shanghai.

Blockade's effect

Meanwhile, in Washington the Commerce Department said today that the Nationalist blockade of the China coast plus the Communist lack of foreign exchange, resulting in acute shortages of raw cotton in China.

Further causes of the shortage were listed as disruption of com-

merce, cotton acreage being converted to food production and declining profits in the textile industry.

China is expected to produce 1,700,000 bales during the year ending in July, the Department said. This is one of the smallest Chinese crops in years and less than half of the quantity produced in 1936.

Supplies in sight can hardly maintain cotton mill operation at more than 45 per cent of last year's level before the new crop becomes available next October, it was estimated.

The Department said there were only 600,000 bales available to mills last December to run them through the remainder of the season.

The Communists were said to hope to import about 700,000 bales to maintain the present level of mill operation.

Only 60,000 bales of American cotton have reached China this year. —Associated Press.

NORWAY'S ENVOY IN PEKING

San Francisco, March 21. M. Finn Koren, Norway's representative for talks with the Central People's Government of China on the matter of establishing diplomatic relations between the two countries, has arrived in Peking, a Chinese Communist broadcast said tonight.

M. Koren arrived in the Communist capital by train this morning and was met by Mr. Han Hsu, Section Chief of the Protocol Office of the Chinese Ministry of Foreign Affairs. —Reuter.

INDIAN TRADE IN GIBRALTAR

London, March 21. A delegation of Indian merchants from Gibraltar arrived here this morning to protest to Mr. Krishna Menon, Indian High Commissioner in London, that they are being squeezed out of trade in the fortress colony.

They complain that the Gibraltar Aliens Traders Ordinance has been administered harshly in recent years.

The delegation, from the Indian Merchants Association, is composed of two of the leading Indian merchants in Gibraltar, Mr. Balaam Dadas and Mr. Gajanan Mukhi, who are accompanied by their legal adviser. —Reuter.

U.S. NAVAL VISIT TO SAIGON

Washington, March 21. The U.S. State Department today described the visit to Saigon of two American destroyers, whose presence there brought on riots, as a routine goodwill affair.

The Navy in December submitted a list of ports for visits by ships of the U.S. After the United States recognised Bao Dai's Vietnam Republic on February 6, the Department approved the Saigon visit as useful for showing American approval of French action regarding the creation of Vietnam.

France had not requested the visit, but only approved it in a routine manner. —Associated Press.

Britain developing new air weapons

London, March 21. Britain is developing "air to air" guided missiles which will enable fighter planes to destroy bombs at long range.

The Air Minister, Mr. Arthur Henderson, who disclosed this new stage in Britain's air defence in Parliament today, also announced the development of advanced jet fighters with speeds well over 600 miles an hour and a new and improved type of jet night fighter.

These fighters, able to fly at extreme heights, are to follow the new jet fighter, the Venom, which Royal Air Force squadrons will be using next year.

All Britain's day fighter and ground attack squadrons overseas are now re-equipped with jet aircraft, except three squadrons in the Far East, Mr. Henderson said.

Mr. Henderson said that all the jet night fighters, now being fitted with up-to-date radar and radar aids, would also be able to fight by day in weather that would ground day fighters. They would, therefore, play a vital part in defence by day and night.

Mr. Henderson disclosed that scientists are working on a new advanced "air-to-air" guided missile. Fighter planes, keeping out of range of the enemy's guns, could direct this new weapon against the modern bomber.

Mr. Henderson, who was opening a debate on the Estimates for next year's Royal Air Force programme, said that £223,000,000 will be spent in the year. This is an increase of £5,000,000 on last year.

Recruiting, he said, is on the whole unsatisfactory and the general level of experience in the Service will further decline unless more men are willing to stay for further service.

The strength of the Royal Air Force on April 1, 1951, is expected to be about 198,000, compared with 225,000 a year ago and 202,500 today. Today's figure includes 126,000 regulars and 70,500 national service men (conscripts). —Reuter.

FLOGGING NOT THE ANSWER

London, March 21. The Government today emphatically rejected flogging as the answer to Britain's present crime wave.

Viscount Jowitt, the Lord Chancellor, declared in the House of Lords: "We have no intention of reintroducing it—none whatever." Last year Parliament had deliberately abolished flogging, and it would be politically quite impossible to go back on that now, he said.

Lord Jowitt was opening a two-day debate on the present outbreak of crimes of violence in Britain. With newspapers every day reporting assaults and gangster operations, the clamour for bringing back the birch has risen in recent weeks.

Lord Goddard, the Lord Chief Justice of England, and other Judges have deplored their loss of power to order flogging, which they consider a strong deterrent.

Describing the present crime wave as very grave in some respects, the Lord Chancellor said that they had to see whether the longer sentence which the Judges now had to give was not a more effective deterrent than the short sentence coupled with the cat-of-nine tails. —Reuter.

HAND-OVER IN SOMALILAND

Mogadishu, March 21. The handing over to Italy of the Northern Somaliland province of Mijortini has been completed, and the British Administration staff left for Aden today.

Italian troops who will be stationed in the Northern provinces have arrived at Calakau, on their way North.

Italian troops bound for the Upper Juba area, in the extreme South, have arrived at Buracaba. A force of 3,000 Italians is garrisoning Somaliland under the command of General Arturo Ferrara.

The withdrawal to the new frontier line near Salsul has been completed without incident. —Reuter.

RADIO

Radio Hong Kong broadcasts on a frequency of 415 kilocycles per second and on 95.2 megacycles per second in the 81 metre band. H.K.T.

P.M.
12.10—Broadcast For Schools—Great Children—"Florence Nightingale"—By Honor Wyatt. (BBCFS)

12.30—"Hong Kong Calling"—Programme Summary.
12.35—Light Varieties with John Kirby and His Orchestra.
1.00—Alfred Campbell and His Orch.
1.15—News, Weather Report and Announcements.

1.25—Jingles.
1.30—"From the Shows"
2.00—Close Down.
6.00—"Hong Kong Calling"—Programme Summary.

6.02—"It From Here"—A Variety Programme with Joy Nichols, Dick Bentley and Jimmy Edwards. (BBCFS)

6.30—La Demi-Heure Française. (Studio)
7.00—World News and News Analysis. (London Relay)
7.15—Sports Review by Bill Phillips. (Studio)

7.30—Speech by H. R. H. Princess Elizabeth from the London Guildhall at the Banquet Given by the Lord Mayor. (London Relay)
8.00—"From the Editorials." (London Relay)

8.10—"Living Music Band Call"—Lat Hatt Royal Lancers Regiment. Introduced by Captain David Jones. (Relay from 9 Dragons Club, Kowloon.)

8.40—"At the Opera"—Madame Butterfly Act 2. (Puccini) With the Principal Chorus and Orch. of the Royal Opera House, Rome. Cond. by Oliviero de Fabritis.
9.30—"The London Promenade Orch."
10.00—Radio News Reel. (London Relay)
10.15—Weather Report.
10.30—Book Talk by Aileen Doherty. (Studio)

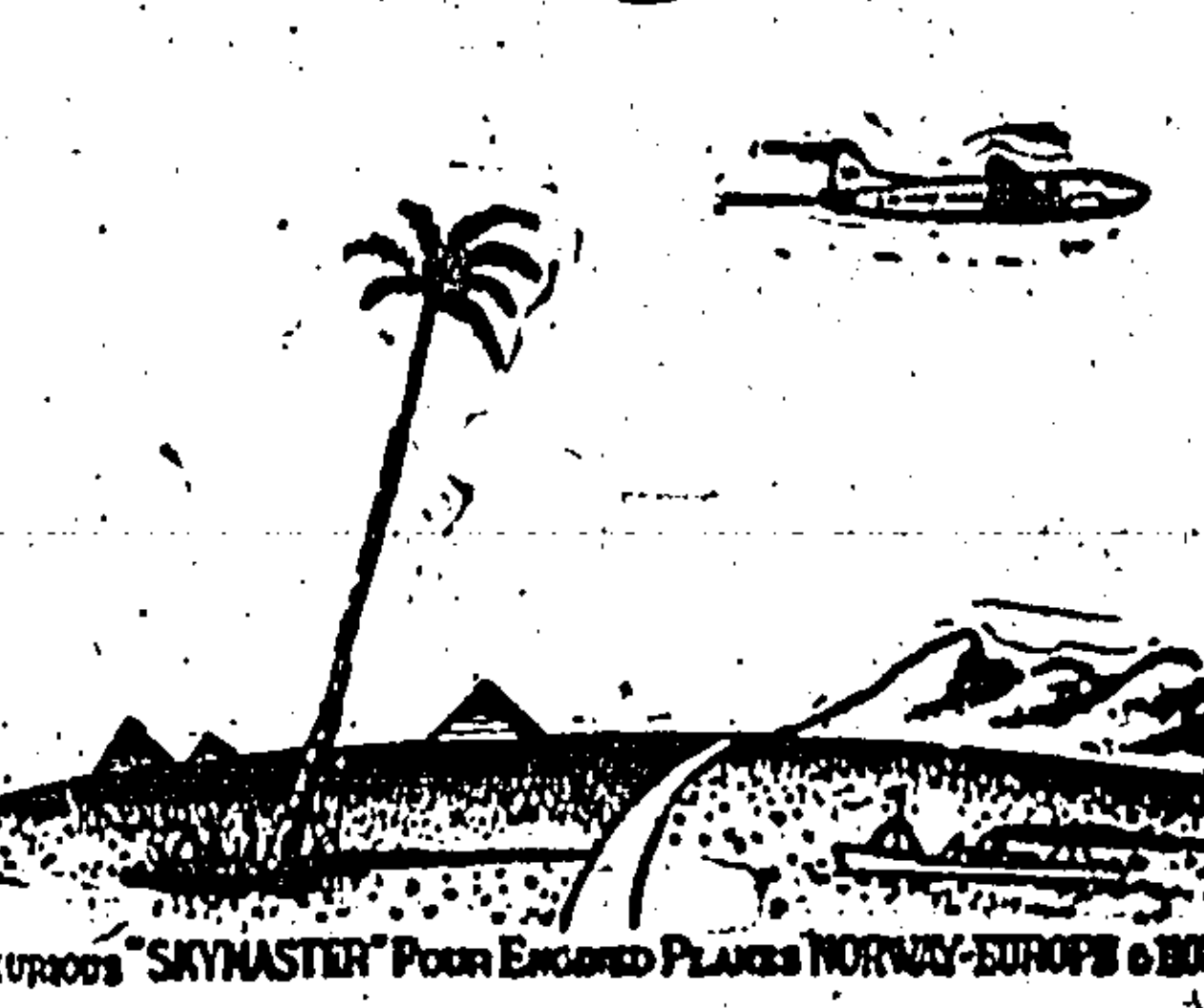
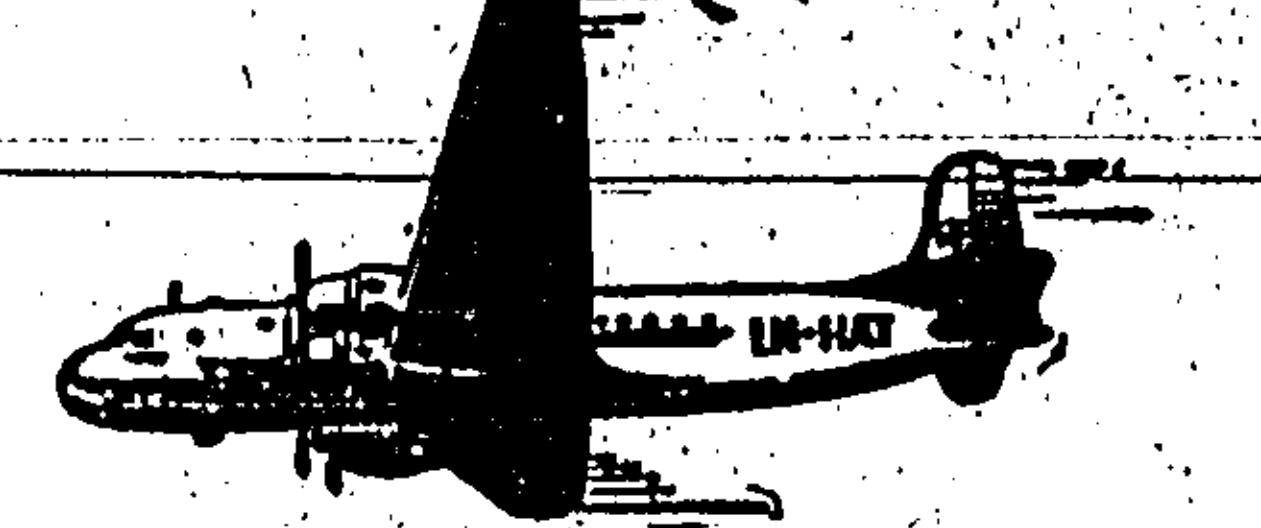
10.30—"Thursday Evening"—A Programme of Continuous Music Arranged by Betty Brown.
11.00—"Soft Lights and Sweet Music"
11.15—Weather Report, World News and Home News from Britain (London Relay Recorded)
God Save the King.
11.30—Close Down.

Rediffusion

A.M.
7.00—Up With The Sun.
7.15—Setting Sun Exercises.
7.30—Musical Clock.
7.45—P.M. A. Keller Show.
8.00—News and Weather Forecast.
8.15—Light Symphonic selections.
8.30—Young Music.
9.30—Concerts & Keyboard.
10.00—Music For All.
11.00—The Four Seasons.
11.15—Waltz Time.
11.30—Parade of Rhythms.

P.M.
12.00—H.K. Stock Exchange.
12.10—B.B.C. School Broadcast.
12.25—From The Films.
1.00—Light Variety.
1.10—News.
1.30—Orchestra Of The Week.
2.00—Variety Calls The Tune.
2.40—The Novelties Trio.
3.10—Tropicana.
3.20—Vocal Hour.
3.50—Music Makers.
4.10—Children's Corner.
4.30—Movie Time.
4.50—Music by Paul Weston.
5.15—New Being The Melody.
5.30—Norman Chasler and his Memorable Music.
7.00—B.B.C. News.
7.10—Local News.
7.15—Smile Again.
7.30—Song Bookends.
7.40—Listen To Liberty.
8.00—Let's Walk.
8.10—The Entertainment Secretary.
8.30—Rediffusion. Repeat Show.
9.00—B.B.C. News.
9.10—Local News.
9.15—Discs.
9.30—The Grand Concert Hall.
9.50—Mersey Break.
10.15—Hearty Halls. Great Night.
11.10—Ray Martin Orchestra.
11.30—Baroque.
11.45—Close Down.

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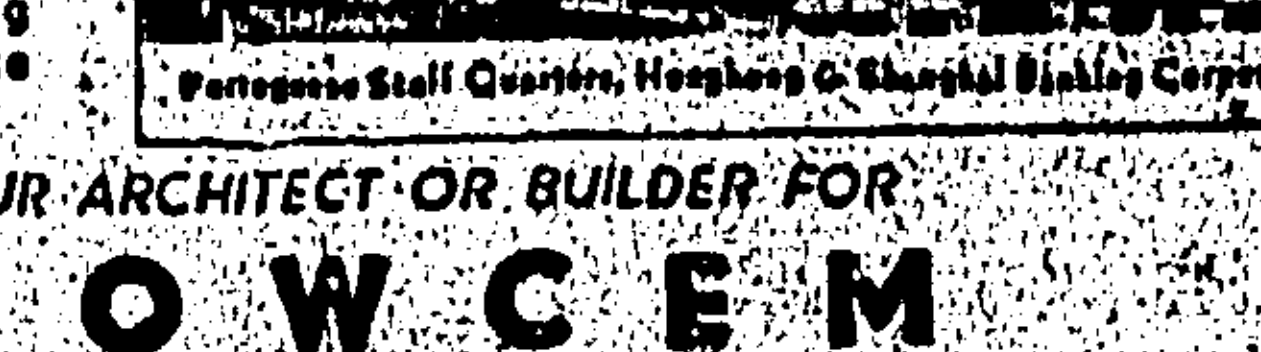
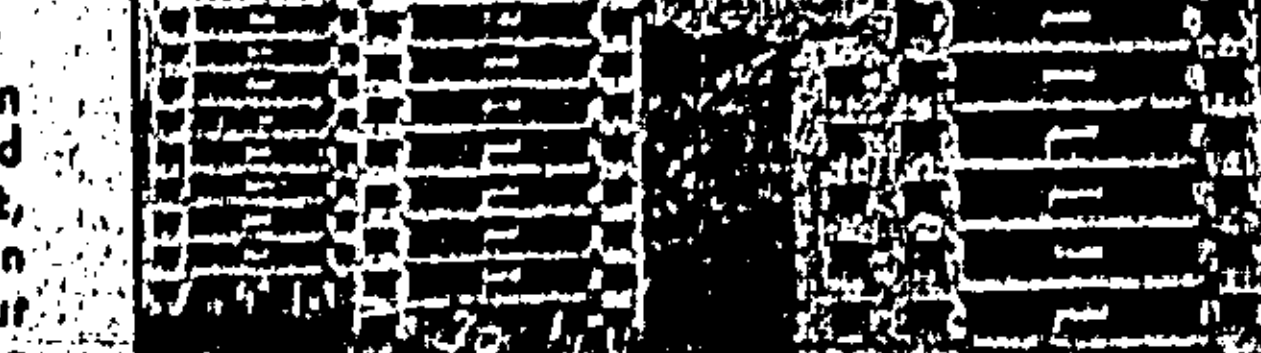
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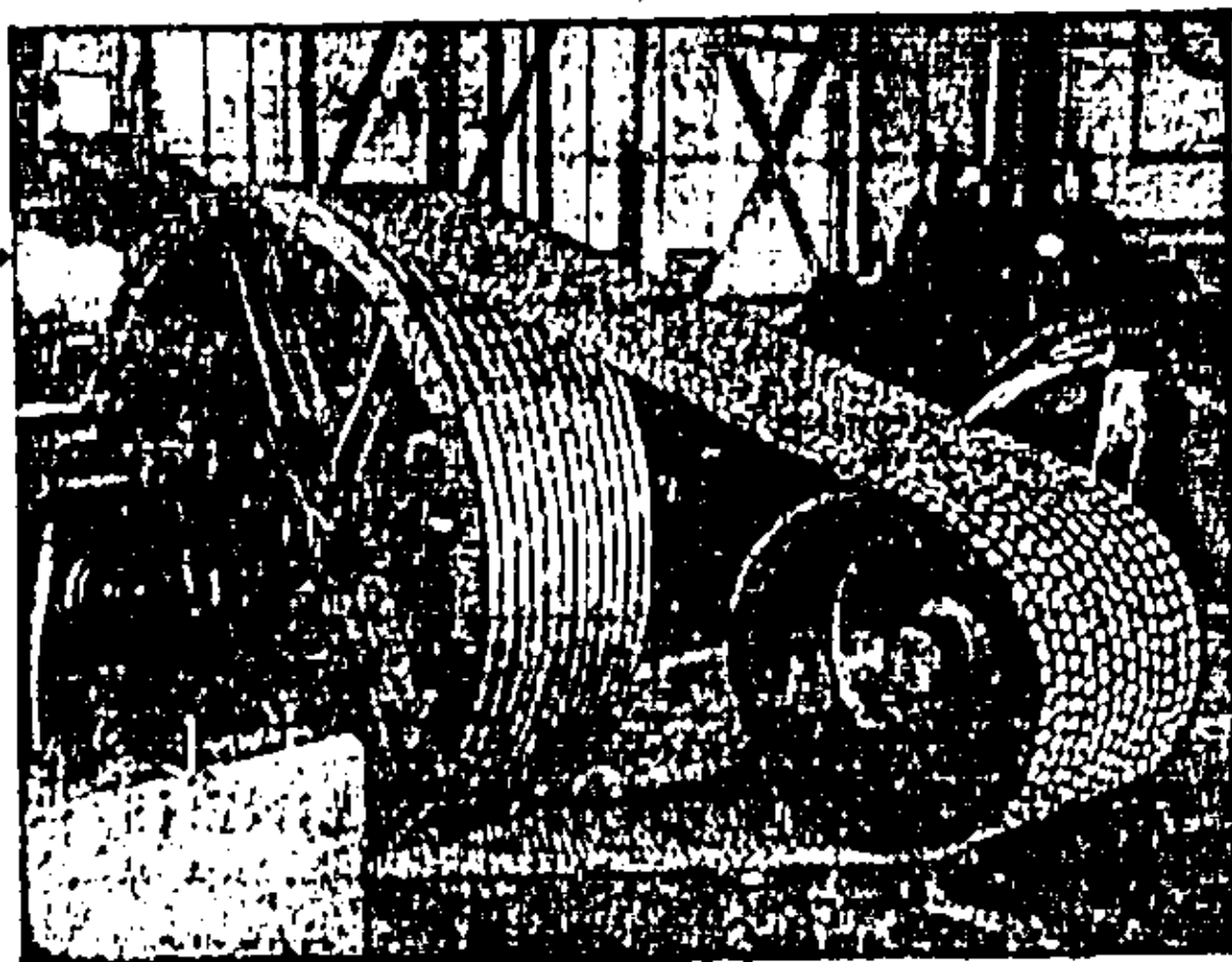
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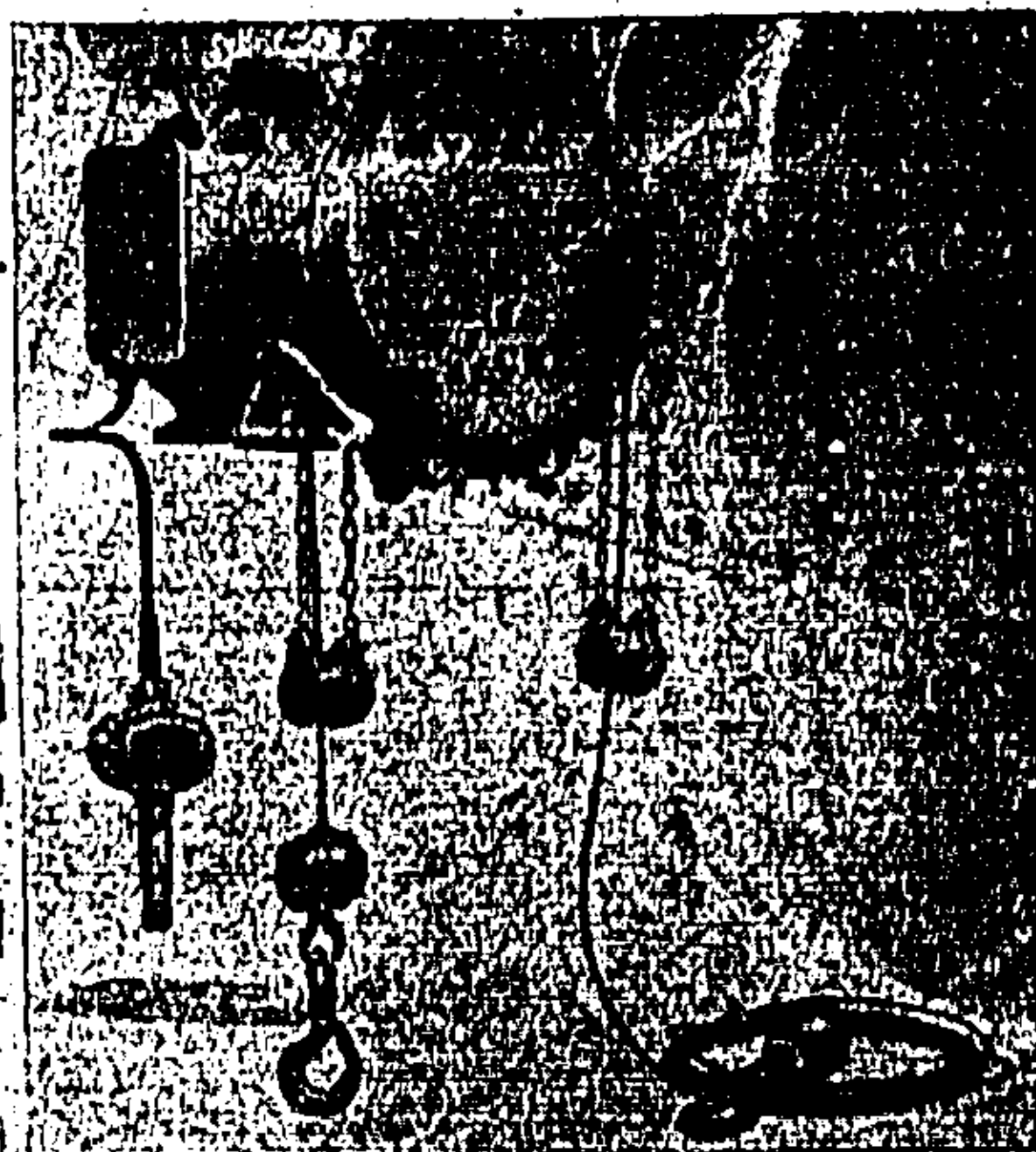
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ENGINEERING PAGE

Wolf heavy duty drill types

To meet the many requests from users, Wolf Electric Tools Ltd., have added Heavy Duty Drilling Machines of 1" and 1½" capacity to their range.

These tools are worthy additions to the super duty range of "Wolf" electric drilling machines and further examples of the "Wolf" modern development in the direction of power-weight efficiency. Special attention has been paid to gear strength and bearing capacity in view of the power and torque required for drilling 1" and 1½" holes in steel.

The drill spindles (bored No. 3 M. T.) are mounted in three bearings designed to take radial and drilling thrust load. Drill Spindles are available in two types, one for bench work and one as a girder clamp. Full details of these new drills can be obtained from Wolf Electric Tools Ltd., Hanger Lane, Ealing, London, W. 5.

Specification

	NW8D.	NW10D.
Drilling capacity in Steel	1"	1½"
Drilling capacity in wood	2½"	3"
Spindle speed running light	300	270
Spindle speed on full load	230	160
Watts input running light	350	350
Watts input on full load	1160	1150
Over Length	20"	20"
Distance from centre of spindle to outer casing	2"	2"
Nett Weight	28½ lbs.	28½ lbs.

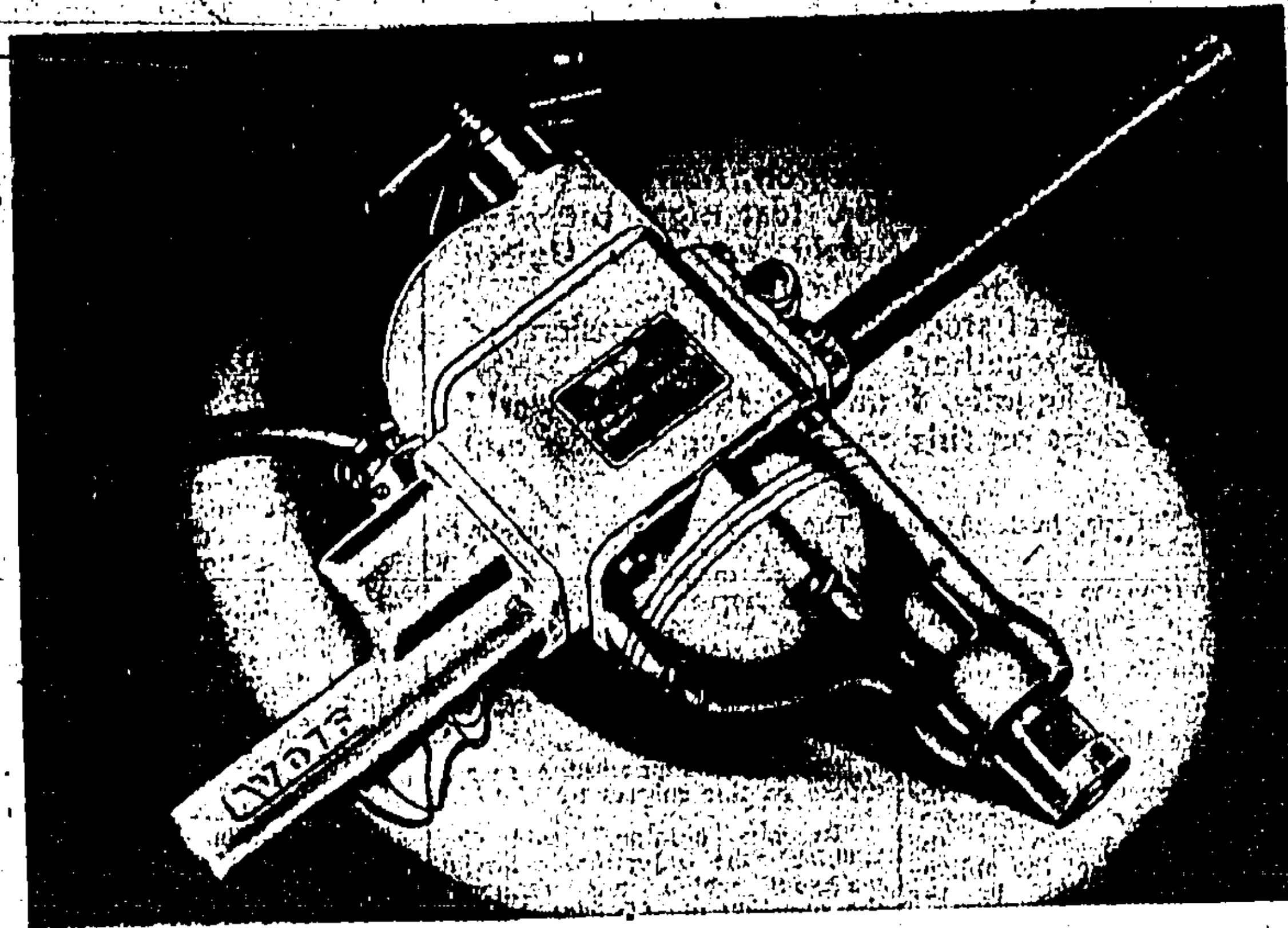
Electric solderguns

A new introduction by Wolf is a range of electric solderguns which they claim will overcome hitherto common criticism of this type of equipment.

Industrial soldering requirements have long called for soldering tools which will reach operating temperature quickly, will maintain a correct constant heat, prove economical in current consumption and are "easy in the hand" for long production periods. Particular attention is directed to the off-straight hand grip which lends to much more comfortable control. By ingenious arrangement within the heating element, the heat is localised around the copper bit and with the elimination of wasted heat areas, considerable economy in current consumption has been effected.

At the same time tendency towards excessive temperature is avoided and this in turn prolongs heating element life and saves oxidation of the copper bits. Wolf solderguns can be supplied for the following voltages—24, 50, 100/110, 115/130, 200/220, 225/250, and each Gun is fitted with six feet of 3-core cable.

Models are available for a wide range of purposes from fine instrument to heavy duty work. Full details obtainable from Wolf Electric Tools Ltd., Pioneer Works, Hanger Lane, Ealing, London, W. 5.



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IMPORTANCE OF SOIL CONSERVATION PLAN

The scientific resources of the world are being focussed on the problem of soil conservation in British Colonial territories to a greater extent than ever before.

As a contribution to this problem new inventions in agricultural equipment are being developed in Britain.

Two of the latest are an earth leveller or blade terracer and a mounted disc plough. After extensive trials at home and in many parts of the world, these new pieces of equipment have been added to the system of farm mechanisation being developed by the Ferguson Company of Coventry whose 251,000,000 dollar legal battle with Ford's in America has recently made world headline news.

Both implements have wide applications abroad and are designed to play a significant part in the development of Colonial agriculture. An important feature common to both is that they facilitate good farming in areas which are handicapped by awkward terrain and extreme climatic conditions.

Movement of earth has always been one of the costliest jobs in farming. With the Ferguson earth leveller soil can be moved for building, drainage, or back filling trenches, almost as easily as in ploughing.

Steel leveller

The leveller is of steel construction. It is designed for one-minute mounting by a three-point linkage which gives finger-tip control from a hydraulic unit of the tractor. There is only one point of lubrication and the hard-wearing alloy steel blade can be replaced merely by the removal of five bolts. The angle of the blade can be quickly set at one of nine positions by manual lever.

Maximum angle in either direction is 45°, while the blade may

be tilted from level to 12½°. Change of pitch which governs depth control is obtained by precision control mechanism on the top link. The leveller can also effect big savings in cleaning barns and yards. In the British Isles its cost is only £22.

Overseas, the leveller has been found ideal for building contour terraces which have become the standard practice in soil conservation. The terraces, built along contours, interrupt the downward flow of water and conduct it gently along the contour, thereby preventing rapid run-off.

This not only prevents the washing away of top soil, but also ensures that most of the water is absorbed into the soil and is available to subsequent crops. In some areas, the cost of terracing has been reduced by over a third following the use of the Ferguson Earth Leveller.

Applications

Important applications of this Leveller include building, grading and maintaining farm roads; digging surface drains; filling tile drain ditches; cleaning barns and yards; filling low spots or paring high spots in fields; moving earth to and from fruit trees or vines; digging trench sites; building fire breaks to control forest fires; digging and cleaning irrigation ditches; and water spreading by building dams and dykes. Its shipping weight is approximately 320 lbs.

The Disc Plough has been primarily designed for overseas conditions where hard or extremely sticky land has to be ploughed. The special tubular lightweight frame, coupled with the famous Ferguson three-point linkage, permits an ease of handling never before possible and for spring ploughing and cross ploughing the plough is an ideal basic tillage implement.

It has been tested in tropical overseas territory, has been proved

of outstanding success under a very wide range of soil conditions, and has been used for burying crop residues from sugar and maize. The flexibility of this new invention is shown by the fact that the plough is available with two or three discs which can be raised or lowered hydraulically from the tractor seat.

MARINE GAS TURBINES

Following the successful adaptation of gas-turbine units for the propulsion of a motor gunboat, the Admiralty has decided to extend its study of the gas-turbine power field by placing a contract with W. H. Allen, Sons, and Co., Ltd., of Bedford, for the construction of a 1,000-kW. gas turbine and generator designed for powering the auxiliary services aboard ship, including lighting, heating, and the operation of winches.

The new set, which is being designed in collaboration with the Bristol Aeroplane Co., will consist of an axial compressor of 4:1 pressure ratio, delivering to an annular-type heat exchanger, a compressor turbine and a free power turbine. The generator will be driven through epicyclic reduction gearing. The performance rating of the unit will be a maximum continuous rating of 1,000kW, with a 10-min. rating of 1,200kW, an estimated consumption of diesel oil as fuel of only 1.07lb./kW.-hr. at full load, a maximum gas temperature of 720deg. C., an operating life of 50,000 hr., with major overhaul periods of 5,000 hr. and minor overhaul periods of 1,000 hr.

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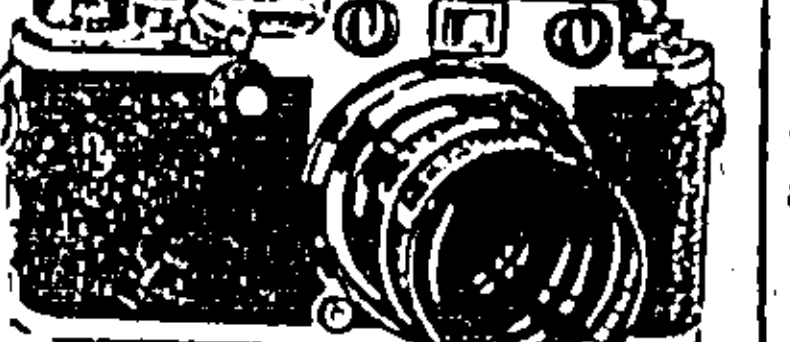
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Desmond gives up



Suddenly scared, young Desmond Browne, great grandson of Lord Beauchamp, turns aside for consolation while little Sarah Ponsonby, Lord Beauchamp's great-niece, presents her bouquet to Madame Vincent Auriol, wife of the French President, at a Franco-British Society reception for the visiting couple in London's Burlington House. (AP Photo).

HK Biological Circle make field excursion

The Hong Kong Biological Circle made an energetic and productive field excursion up the Fung Yuen valley on Sunday.

Specialists in most of the aspects of biology were present to observe and comment on the natural phenomena encountered.

The quiet valley was found to have much of the charm of an English scene in springtime.

Near the sea shore at the entrance of the valley a rare butterfly was seen. This was Hippolytia bolina, a beautiful purple to black insect with six small white spots on the upper surface.

Among the paddy fields many specimens of the red peacock butterfly, Precis, were found settling with their wings spread and a few specimens of the closely allied species, Precis Lemonia, were also present.

Interest was stimulated by the capture of a pretty snake, the Buff-striped Keelback, Natix alata.

This harmless snake is common in the Colony, and is particularly inoffensive in that it very seldom bites, and stands with good temper, much handling. The Keelback has a wide range from Peninsular India to South China. It is diurnal in habits and feeds mainly on amphibians.

Assembling for a final conference, members had much to exhibit. Among the plants gathered was an interesting semi-parasite of the Lonicera species in full bloom. It was sucking the life out of a struggling young orange tree.

Many unidentified but beautiful, small flowering plants were gathered from the "bunds" dividing the small paddy fields. A young plant of Bryophyllum was collected. This interesting plant may be propagated by its leaves, from the notches of which complete young plants arise even if the leaf is merely hung in a room, provided the atmosphere is not too dry.

The younger members of the party had caught some small fish for their aquaria in the pleasant stream that flowed through the shady dell in which lunch was eaten.

The catch included four gobies, a minnow-like fish with a black spot near the tail and a small shrimp. A large cray-fish was seen, but to make the story to type "got away."

Returning along the main foot-path, members disturbed many skinks. This family of lizards has the largest number of species in the Colony, and is in an attractive and colorful creature loving to bask in the warm afternoon sun on convenient rocks or stones. But in spite of flying tackle, by enthusiastic members all the skinks seen evaded capture and closer observation.

Finally, at Tai Po market a handsome specimen of the Japanese Scops-Owl, Otus japonicus was purchased.

Among new members welcomed were Mr. and Mrs. Stoner and party, and Captain Raymond Hill, FRGS, FZS.

An excursion is planned to the Tung Chung district of Lantau Island on April 2.

BRITON FREED IN WARSAW

Warsaw, March 21. Four hours after receiving a British protest, the Polish authorities today released a British subject from Krakow Prison.

Sir Ronald Gainer, British Ambassador, reported to the Polish Foreign Ministry this morning against the seizure of Polish-born Otakar Kornhauser, who had disappeared on February 2 as he was preparing to return to Britain by air.

The six-week old mystery of Kornhauser's failure to catch the plane was explained yesterday in a Polish note to the Embassy saying that he had been arrested.

No reason for the arrest was given.

Kornhauser was the third Western national to vanish behind the self-locking "suspect" room at Warsaw Airport.

Rudolf Robineau, French Consul, official, sentenced to 12 years' imprisonment at Stettin in January for spying, and Herman Field, an American architect, vanished in similar fashion at Warsaw Airport.

The latter has not been seen or heard of since last August.—Reuter.

PRIEST'S ALLEGED CONFESSION

Prague, March 21. Prague Radio reported tonight that a Catholic priest, on trial at Hodonin, Southern Moravia, today confessed that he had urged youths in his parish to start a terrorist group.

The priest, Father Jarek Borizek, and 13 other accused, are being tried on charges of terrorism, murder and espionage.

Father Borizek was said to have signed the oath of loyalty to the State and regime, but confessed that simultaneously he had written to his Bishop saying that he took the oath only to receive his salary from the State.—Reuter.

CANADA'S AMBITIOUS ATOMIC ENERGY PLAN

Ottawa, March 22.

Canada is making a bid for world leadership in the peaceful application of atomic energy with an official long-range programme which aims at solving the problem of using atomic energy in everyday life.

The first phase of the programme is planned to take at least 10 years, by which time some solid achievements are expected.

American and British scientists, who played a major role in getting Canada's atomic experiments started during the war, are being kept fully informed on the progress of the Canadian research, which involves not only uranium, but also hydrogen and other potentially fissionable materials.

The Canadian atomic programme has always been more closely linked to the British than the American, and it is expected that this liaison will continue since Britain also stresses peace-time rather than wartime applications of atomic energy.

The bulk of the work once done by British scientists in Canada is now being done by Canadians, although in many cases British scientists, sent here for limited stays, have chosen to remain permanently.

High Government officials here believe that atomic energy may play as decisive a part in Canada's development in the next 25

years as the more highly publicized oil "strikes" in Alberta and the huge iron deposits in Labrador.

Strict secrecy

Six years of research at Chalk River, Ontario, have given Canada a running start in the peace-time atomic field, and now she is planning large-scale expansion of atomic research and development.

On the drawing boards are plans for a third atomic reactor to supplement the two now in operation at Chalk River, the larger of which was described by an American scientist last year as the most advanced in the world.

In addition, a hand-picked team of young scientists has been formed and told to concentrate on pure research probing into the future for possible new applications of the atomic principle.

They are the "boys behind the back-room boys."

Burmese rice exports lower

Washington, March 21.

Burmese rice exports totalled 2,632,000,000 pounds during 1949, according to the U.S. Department of Agriculture. This is 93,000,000 pounds less than 1948 exports. The 1939-40 average yearly exports were 6,600,000,000 pounds.

Japan received 122,000,000 pounds of the 1949 shipments. Other shipments were: Malaysia 326,000,000 lbs., Indonesia 295,000,000 lbs., India 837,000,000 lbs., Hong Kong 38,000,000 lbs., China 85,000,000 lbs., and Ceylon 594,000,000 lbs.—Associated Press.

All this is going ahead behind a curtain of secrecy which neither the scientists nor the Canadian Government like. Time and time again, top Chalk River scientists have said: "We have nothing to hide."

But the full story cannot be told, because the United States, which has formal atomic agreements with Canada, has decreed secrecy. Late last year, Washington vetoed a Canadian plan to allow newsmen to visit Chalk River.—Reuter.

WAGE INCREASES IN FRANCE?

Paris, March 21.

The strike-harassed French Government, in a lead to private employers, is tonight considering wage increases for its own workers to end three weeks of national unrest.

The increases, which the Prime Minister, M. Georges Bidault, will submit to the Council of Ministers tomorrow, are unofficially reported to consist of a five per cent general raise in all public services and nationalised industries.

The national strike situation continues to improve slowly today with more workers trickling back to work. A total of 1,200,000 are now out in the steel industry.

About 100,000 building trade workers are idle.

Paris social security, and gas workers, bakers' hands, municipal undertakers and cemetery keepers and some dust-men and powerage men, are also out.

But bread is still plentiful, an emergency burial service is operating and though gas pressure remains low electricity supplies are adequate.—Reuter.

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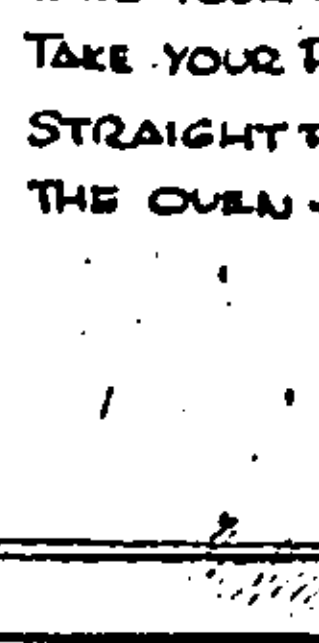
Karachi, March 21.

High winds blew down the statue of Mahatma Gandhi outside the Parliament building here last night.

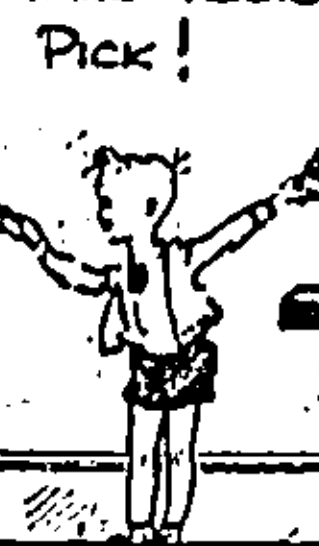
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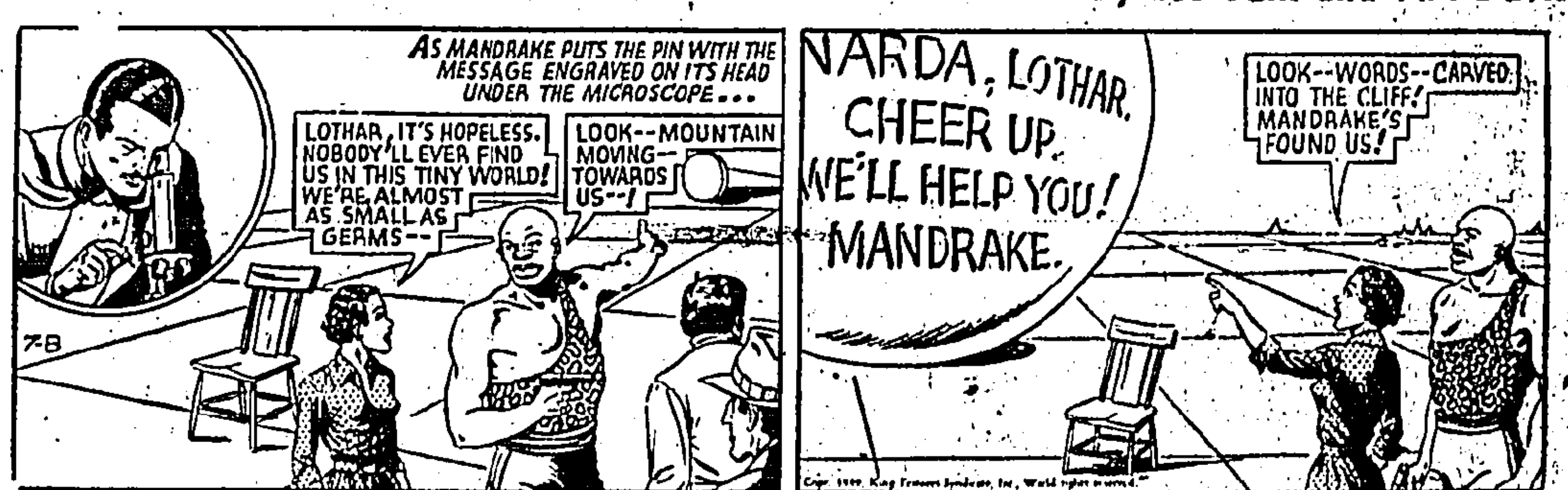
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DEBATE ON THE BUDGET IN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

(Continued From Page 1)

DR. S. N. CHAU

The high cost of Government

Dr. Chau referred to the record expenditure, which he called a staggering sum. More than 40 per cent of the total was for Government salaries and allowances. He questioned the wisdom of the suggested form of increase in direct taxation. It was farcical and grossly inequitable that a small number of salaried residents be required to pay a direct tax from which the remaining 90 per cent was in practice entirely exempt.

"Public indignation has undoubtedly been aroused by the revelation of this unreasonable imposition on the few, while tens of thousands of wealthier citizens—a large proportion of whom have come here from disturbed China to enjoy the security and amenities which this Colony provides—make no direct contribution towards the cost of the administration and services which ensure that security and provide those amenities."

If Government considered an orthodox income tax, with equitable taxation of all persons income, not possible, he would urge the total abolition of the present salaries tax.

The small loss of revenue involved could be made good by a trifling all-round increase in indirect taxation—by raising the duties on liquor and tobacco, by a further levy upon the entertainments, Dance Halls, Meals, Petrol, Bets and Sweeps Taxes.

He suggested consideration of a "Purcell" tax, with exemption for necessities. Those who could afford pleasures and luxuries could also afford his suggested slight increase in taxation.

Most unreasonable

He failed to see why the Corporation Profits Tax and Property Tax should be increased. It seemed to him most unreasonable. The unexpected addition of 30 per cent in taxation at this time of political and commercial uncertainty might have far-reaching effects on the Colony's economy.

Dr. Chau also suggested a registration fee of \$5 under the Registration of Persons Ordinance. This, he estimated, might contribute \$7,500,000. This form of impost would not be so inequitable as the Salaries Tax.

The speaker praised the improvements in education and medical facilities but stressed that the Mental Hospital was a disgrace to the Colony. The organisation of the Mental Hospital needed overhauling, he said, and he suggested a commission to enquire into its functions.

Dr. Chau mentioned the deplorable condition of the prisons and again suggested that an enquiry be made.

The acute housing shortage was taxing the ingenuity of Government. The Hong Kong Housing Society was building 400 flats to be let at a non-profit making rental to those in the low-earning bracket. This was only a starting point and we needed a 100 times this number. Greater encouragement and inducement should be given to those who wish to build their own homes.

He said that while Government had been spending millions in housing—for its European employees, the Chinese Civil Servants had received scant attention. It was time Government gave them some consideration.

Price of rice

He would like to see encouragement given to the New Territories farmers to increase their output of rice and vegetables. The Colony's most urgent problem was its supply. All our labour troubles were basically attributable to the grossly exorbitant cost of rice.

It was extremely urgent to cut to an absolute minimum the difference between the costs and the retail price paid by the consumer. The solution might lie in permitting the private rice firms to import rice and to sell it at Government-controlled prices based on landing costs.

If the price of rice could be substantially reduced, the landlord should be compelled to reduce his rents; the farmer, the price of his fish; the fisherman, the price of his fish; the shopkeeper, the price of his wares.

Effective control over retail prices was the Colony's most urgent and important problem. Dr. Chau mentioned the cost of defence. We were a very small part of the Imperial Defence scheme, he said, and our burden should not be heavier than we can carry.

The speaker concluded by supporting Sir Man-kam Lo's remarks on requisitioning which, he said, should be "serious" and immediate attention by Government.

MR. LEO D'ALMADA

Registration of firms tax proposal

Mr. Leo D'Almada, who spoke against Government's tax proposal, suggested that the \$7,500,000 deficit could easily be made up by a Business Firms Registration

Fee, which would bring in \$6,500,000 a year.

Supporting his case for such an imposition, Mr. D'Almada said it was not fair that only a very small number of business firms should be paying tax. It was a small sum which should be equitably distributed.

"I've advocated such an imposition before the war and after, and as recently as last year I put it again in this Council," said Mr. D'Almada.

According to figures obtained from the Inland Revenue Department, said Mr. D'Almada, the number of business firms in the Colony is 21,000. Of these, 9,000 have already been exempted from direct taxation. At the date of the last report 8,000 were to be assessed, and according to what he was told, the majority of these might be exempt from profits tax.

Mr. D'Almada said we could therefore safely assume that 12,000 business firms will not be paying tax at all.

"There is no reason why every business in this Colony should not make a small contribution by way of a direct tax, and my suggestion is that that small contribution should be in the form of a registration fee of \$300 a year which, broken up, need not amount to more than 83 cents a day," said Mr. D'Almada.

He said, "If we add to that number some 1,000 separate firms, you will have 22,000 separate entities liable to be registered, and if you collect \$300 a year from each of them, then you have a straight-forward \$6,600,000 a year."

Scheme's advantage

"That is not \$7,500,000 which my friend the Financial Secretary requires, but he can spread the burden out, and collect half a million here and half a million there, as he said, from indirect taxation."

"The advantage of my scheme is that the burden would be more equitably spread out, and at the same time it will leave the wage earner entirely unaffected. It will exclude the salary man from further income tax."

"Then there is its simplicity which will not involve much in the cost of collection and administration."

"It will also be of direct assistance to the Inland Revenue Department, as compulsory registration must contribute to less tax evasion."

"There is also the benefit to the business community from registration of business firms, with the names and aliases of their partners. Not infrequently, when a firm closes down at present, its simply vanishes and there is no trace of its partners."

"I am not convinced of the need of further taxation, but if further revenue must be raised, an increase of income tax is certainly not the way to raise it."

Encouragement of corruption

As a result of Government's proposal, justifiable dissatisfaction had been aroused by its inequitable incidence.

Another argument against an increase of income tax was that Government servants would be affected, and with so much gambling already on about the adequacy of cost of living allowances, further tax imposition would only lead to further demands for increase in pay or allowance.

Furthermore, there would be a greater incentive to tax evasion. The temptation to evade was less only when the standard rate was kept low.

"In your speech a fortnight ago, Sir," continued Mr. D'Almada, you expressed the opinion that the proposed income tax increase would not damage the economic structure of this Colony. I agree, but will the Colony's moral fibre stand the strain of an extra 50 per cent?

"Corruption there is in many Government departments. I for one will not believe that it does not exist entirely in the Inland Revenue Department. It may be but very low proportion of the reason of the present standard rate, but give it an increase, and you will find that corruption will start flourishing again as it flourishes in other Government departments."

Payment for requisitioning

Earlier in his remarks Mr. D'Almada associated himself with the attacks made by earlier speakers on delay in payment for requisitioning.

"In May, June and July last year, when these requisitionings began, I had a little to do with them, and I well remember that in the course of dealing with them, officers representing the Army were eager with their assurances that requisitionings would be for immediate periods only, that there would be every hope that within a few months requisitioning would come to the Services and be building their own quarters."

"How far those assurances have been carried out I do not know, but it seems to me that their implementation have fallen very far short of the promise made or the assurances given. And where as the burden upon the persons whose living quarters have been requisitioned may be comparatively light, the same cannot be said of the requisitioning of factories or parts of factories

and in certain cases of warehouses and godowns."

While in the case of requisitioning of dwelling houses only, no payment has been received, in the case of factories and warehouses business has had to be demolished or stopped, resulting in serious loss to the owners."

Mr. D'Almada also attacked Government for its dilatoriness in regard to requisitioning plans for the Star Ferry Piers. It should have been abundantly clear to Government long before now that the present facilities were inadequate, but despite this nothing was done to make provision for an adequate cross-harbour service.

It was not until two weeks ago that the Financial Secretary told Council that the matter of providing a new service was tied up with certain problems of technical difficulties which had not yet been solved.

These difficulties, submitted Mr. D'Almada, should have been obvious to Government long ago, and those in charge of pier should have made plans to overcome them, so that the work of requisitioning could now go ahead.

Mr. D'Almada also criticised the way the budget was presented. Many of the public did not understand it, he said, and referred to the speech of Mr. T. A. Martin at the meeting of the Reform Club on Tuesday in breaking up the figures for better public digestion. He suggested that in future Government should try to present the budget in a form that would be more easily understood by the man-in-the-street.

MR. M. M. WATSON

Acceptance of tax increase

Mr. M. M. Watson referred to the outstanding item of expenditure—the cost of Government. He said that retirement at the age of 45 on pension could not be supported by business firms. He could not believe it could be economically supported by the public service or by the public. It seemed to him that it was a public, unfair regulation, and to the public, unfair regulation.

Mr. Watson asked whether increased taxation was necessary. He agreed that the budget should now be balanced, and agreed on the necessity for building up adequate reserves. The proposed increase in direct taxation, however, had caused him much thought and indecision.

"It is apparent that this tax is about the most inequitable from the point of view of the numbers who evade it, not from the point of view of ability to pay, it would be possible to devise the most inequitable statement of belated and scanty statement of the Commissioner will not alter the general opinion that the evasion is beyond what the ordinary taxpayer considers fair and reasonable."

From this point of view, Government's policy should not be accepted but he had reluctantly concluded that from a practical point of view at present, there was nothing else to do but accept the decision. The budget had to be balanced. He favoured a tax on the registration of business but doubted whether the amount raised would be sufficient. Such a tax would not increase the cost of living. It was imperative that nothing be done to further increase the latter.

The importance of some arrangement in regard to the denial of claims had been accentuated by the most inequitable refusal or failure to arrange for the payment of the rent of requisitioned premises.

One of his principal reasons for supporting the increase of Income Tax was that it would not, or at the most, would be the least to affect the cost of living.

Rice monopoly

The cost of living was largely based on the ability of the labour and clerical sections to buy rice. There was a Government monopoly in the latter. This, he said, was now not only unnecessary but against the interests of the purchasing public. He referred to complaints of the inferior quality of rationed rice and said that even coolies found it necessary to resort to the free market to supplement their ration. Approximately 45 per cent of the rice bought in Hong Kong was bought on the free market.

He could not see why rice merchants should not be allowed to import Siamese rice at their own risk and expense for sale on the free market. A free market would bring a competitive price for the rice; free importation would lead to a fall in the price.

It was a matter of urgency, he said, to take steps to reduce the cost. The matter was of fundamental importance.

Mr. Watson, next, referred to the Landlord and Tenant Ordinance and said that it should be made possible for the landlord and tenant to come to an agreement, when it was to their mutual advantage. This was at present prohibited by the Ordinance. He did not suggest that

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any such arrangement should extend beyond the landlord and tenant parties to that contract as that would probably bring complications, prevarications and collusion. It was notorious that such arrangements were made every day in defiance of the Ordinance.

Mr. Watson concluded with a reference to the new airport which, he said, did not seem to have advanced from its embryonic stage. He trusted that Government would do everything to forward the matter.

MR. P. S. CASSIDY

Strong protest against Government attitude

Mr. P. S. Cassidy spoke of what he termed the ominous reference to the undetermined liability regarding the Colony's share of the cost of reinforcements.

He entered a strong protest at the treatment meted out to persons and companies whose claims for compensation in respect of war-time requisitioning had been under consideration for over three years, and property owners whose premises were requisitioned last summer and who were still waiting for payment of rent.

The Telephone Company's building in Kowloon was requisitioned last October and not one cent of rent had been received, nor was it known how much would be paid.

The building was financed by money borrowed from the bank at a rate of five per cent a year. The regulations under which the building was requisitioned allowed no more than two per cent interest on overdraft payments. The company therefore, in the unenviable position of owing a large sum to its bankers at what virtually amounted to compound interest pending the time when payment would be forthcoming with simple interest at two per cent.

"This is a glaring case of injustice and there are many other cases, such as the North Point Wharves, although of lesser magnitude. Considerable hardship is being experienced in many quarters and it is utterly wrong that the Home Government should procrastinate in settling the claims."

He hoped the strong feeling in Hong Kong on the subject would be made clear in London. That feeling might result in a motion of censure.

No excuse

"There can be no excuse for owners to go on months after month without recompense. Many of them find themselves in an embarrassing situation and I beg the Financial Secretary to make every effort to obtain a speedy settlement."

They appreciated that Hong Kong was a bastion of the non-Communist front. While they had no wish to evade their share they should certainly not be expected to shoulder the full cost of maintaining that bastion.

Turning to the Budget, Mr. Cassidy said that a comparatively small \$7,000,000 on the wrong side did not justify resort to an increase in taxation. We were not a bankrupt Colony; we had behind us a clean financial record and we had assets which were not likely to be dissipated by a sudden change in our fortunes.

There was considerable feeling that the standard rate of tax under the Inland Revenue Ordinance should have been left alone. The main reason for criticism was the conviction that Inland Revenue taxes were not equitably, economically and incorruptly collected. When methods of accounting differed as widely as they did in the Colony, there should be no question of raising the standard rate. The original ordinance was reluctantly accepted as a measure to meet an emergency; it was never intended as a tap to be opened wider as expenditure arose.

He asked what alternative there was to the suggested increase. They were prepared to pay more for drinks, cigarettes and petrol and would be overjoyed at a really substantial tax on what he called "the fat and luscious which overlap every parking space in the Colony and take up an inordinate amount of room in our streets."

He welcomed the tax on electric signs and thought it would bring in more than \$250,000. It would be feasible to impose a tax on hoardings, painted wall signs and other forms of advertisement.

Mr. Cassidy again appealed for better treatment of the Public Relations Office. The spoken and written word was of vital importance in the cold war. Propaganda required skilful handling and we should see that the PRO received all the support he needed.

MR. C.E.M. TERRY

Exploitation of the public

Mr. C.E.M. Terry, the last speaker among the Unofficial Members on the proposed increase in direct taxation, said the extra burden arising from security measures were not ready to bear, but it must not be borne by a comparatively few.

To meet the expenditures were far more ways than by direct taxation, and in any case the \$7,500,000 deficit was only hypothetical. Mr. Terry suggested that the balance at the Department of Supply and Distribution, which

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The Senate Committee also approved \$100 million in economic aid for Korea and suggested a possible \$50 million in aid for the Chinese Nationalist Government.

The Committee's decision was announced by the Chairman, Senator Tom Connally, who said the House will probably be a Senate-House dispute before the ECA figure is finally approved by Congress because of the different opinions held by the Senate and House Committees.

But Senator Connally thinks that Congress will eventually reject the House Committee proposals to substitute surplus farm products for \$1,000 million cash. The House Foreign Affairs Committee, today approved a statement favouring collaboration by the free peoples of Asia for self-help and mutual co-operation to protect their security and independence.

The policy statement was approved as part of the Foreign Aid Bill for the 12 months beginning July 1. The Committee is near the end of its work on the measure, which contemplates continued American economic aid to friendly nations in Europe and Asia.

For economic purposes

Its Chairman, Mr. John Kee, said that the Committee contemplated only economic co-operation, not military, with the nations of Asia.

The House of Representatives Foreign Affairs Committee today authorised another year's extension of the authority to use about \$104 million of the China Aid funds previously earmarked but so far unspent.

With the Chinese Communists controlling almost all of China it is thought in Washington that these funds would be available in other areas of South East Asia, such as Indo-China.

The Committee also increased from \$150 million to \$300 million the amount of ECA guarantees provided for the private investment of United States capital abroad.—Reuter.

JAPAN TRYING TO CUT COSTS

London, March 21

Japanese industry, already providing strong competition to British cotton goods, is trying to cut costs by searching for raw materials from cheaper sources.

This point is made in a report by Air Vice-Marshal C.A. Boucher, who has just returned from a three-month tour of Japan on behalf of the Federation of British Industries.

The Japanese, he reported, are making steady and material progress, but prices are tending to rise.

Air Vice-Marshal Boucher is to brief the British cotton industry on conditions in Japan. It is to be represented on an Anglo-American Cotton Textile Mission going to Japan shortly.

British cotton chiefs are reported to be worried by the growing competition from Japan in cotton piece-goods.—Reuter.

CRIPPS REJECTS SUGGESTION

London, March 21

Sir Stafford Cripps, Chancellor of the Exchequer, today refused a suggestion that he should limit by law the amount of Sterling balances, both capital and interest, to be released in any one year.

In Parliament, he replied, "No" when asked to do so by the Conservative Member, Mr. Arthur Dodds Parker.

Mr. Dodds Parker suggested that some action should be taken to strengthen the hands of British negotiators by such a limitation.

The Chancellor replied that it would be quite inappropriate to take unilateral action in a matter which must be arranged by consultation.—Reuter.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES S.S. "MAGNAN"

Damaged cargo ex this vessel will be surveyed at Hall's Wharf between 10 a.m. and noon on March 24, 1950, and consignees are requested to have their representatives present during this survey.

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE
Agents

Hong Kong, March 23, 1950.

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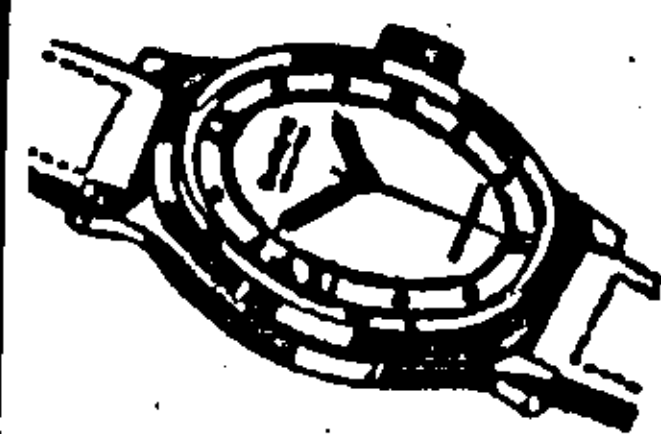
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LEE BEATS LOW TO ENTER BADMINTON SINGLES FINAL

(By "ARGONAUT")

Left-hander C. K. Lee, holder of the Colony Singles title, reached the final of this year's Singles Badminton Championship when he edged out the University and former Malayan Doubles Champion, K. S. Low, in two thrilling sets, 18-13 and 15-13, at Recreo last night.

An all-Chinese YMCA final is therefore assured, Robert Tay being the other finalist.

Another feature of last night's games was the excellent display of the schoolboy tennis champion, Benzin Saw. Having created a major upset earlier in the tournament when he eliminated seeded player C. M. Quinn in the Junior Men's Singles event, he created even a greater surprise last night, when he ousted University's S. T. Hooi, top favourite for the title in three sets.

The night's programme of five matches gave the packed hall their most entertaining badminton yet served so far both in quality and thrills and excitement. Four of the five games went to the full distance of three sets.

In the curtain-raiser, F. Althay and J. Pomeroy, Jr. were taken to three hard-fought sets, before qualifying for the Schoolboys' Doubles final. M. Nolasco and J. Pomeroy Jr. each on one side were conspicuous with some good play.

Saw's display
Very few, if any, last night, conceded a chance to Benzin Saw when he took the court against University's S. T. Hooi in the Junior Singles event.

When, however, the schoolboy, with amazing agility took a lead 7-1, eyes began to open with interest. With accurate drop shots, powerful smashes and good retrieving, Saw carried his lead to 11-4 and 15-5 for the first set.

The second set saw the University underdog displaying his best form. With well-placed smashes and drops, aided by a series of errors from Saw, Hooi returned compliments by taking the second set 15-6. Saw's speed and almost limitless stamina proved too much for his opponent in the third set, which went to 15-4.

The Junior Men's Doubles between Austin Ho and K. F. Chiu and Bill Chow and C. H. Ngan also went to the full distance of three sets. The Chung Wah pair of Ho and Chiu could not be said to be in their best form although they won the first set 15-12, their tendency to repeat the same mistakes in the second set was noticeable in the second set when Chow and Ngan, particularly Chow, rallied back to take it by 15-12. A neck to neck struggle ensued in the third set and Ngan-Ho then brought up some good serves and smashes to add six points in a row. Amidst great excitement, Chow and Ngan caught them up to 13-14 but could not get the extra point for deuce. With the next service the Chung Wah pair scored the vital point, which brought them to the final in this event.

The Ladies' Doubles Semi-final, although an all-Recreo affair, took their full share of the evening's spotlight. Mrs. Gonsalves

and Margaret Xavier, twice holders of the title, had to fight for every point in the first set. The score mounted evenly up to 11-11 when services changed hands eight times before their greater steadiness gave them the four needed points. In the second set, when they were down 5-6, scoring nine successive points between them. They ultimately took the set 15-7. The champions took no chance in the third set and playing their usual game took it with the concession of only five points, to enter their third final in the event.

Full results
Schoolboys' Doubles: F. Althay and J. Pomeroy, Jr. (La Salle) beat M. Nolasco and G. Pomeroy (La Salle), 15-5, 10-15, 15-2.
Junior Men's Singles: B. Saw (Shallanders) and Asin College beat S. T. Hooi (University), 15-5, 6-15, 15-4.

Junior Men's Doubles: Austin Ho and K. F. Chiu (Chung Wah) beat Bill Chow and C. H. Ngan (Shallanders), 15-12, 12-15, 15-13.
Ladies' Doubles: Mrs. H. F. Gonsalves and Miss M. Xavier (Recrolo) beat Miss M. Ribeiro and Mrs. M. Rozario (Recrolo), 15-11, 7-15, 15-5.

Senior Men's Singles: C. K. Lee (Chinese YMCA) beat K. S. Low (University), 18-13, 15-13.

Tonight's games
COLONY CHAMPIONSHIP
SEMI FINALS
At Kowloon Cricket Club
7.30 p.m. Schoolboys' Doubles—K. Y. To (St. Paul's) and B. Saw (Asia) v E. C. Y. Hsi and S. Hsi (Wah Kiu).

8.00 p.m. Junior Men's Doubles: S. K. Cheong and S. F. Lam (University) v N. K. Chin and K. K. Lo (University).

8.30 p.m. Senior Men's Doubles: C. K. Lee and W. F. Foo (Chinese YMCA) v G. Lum and J. Eco (Shallanders).
9.00 p.m. Ladies' Singles—Miss U. Khoo (Chinese YMCA) v Mrs. M. Rozario (Recrolo).
9.30 p.m. Senior Men's Doubles: P. H. Wong and R. Tay (Chinese YMCA) v Bill Funk and S. K. Howe (Shallanders).

Antidote for rough play--new angle

(By TOMMY LAWTON)

Suggestion that specified periods of absence from the soccer field for players who commit offences—the ice hockey "cooler" system—has been made from time to time.

Quite the most novel idea for dealing with rough play from T. M. Henderson of Northampton.

"Make the punishment fit the crime," is his argument. What he would like to see is a new law that when a player fouls another, causing him to be injured sufficiently to have to leave the field, either for a short period or for the remainder of the game, the man who commits the offence should also leave.

"A rule such as this would be easy to implement," says Mr. Henderson. "If the referee awards a free kick a foul must have been committed, so he should have no difficulty in deciding whether or not to send off the offender, providing, of course, that the injured player has left the field."

The argument is that it is unfair for the innocent side to be handicapped by having only 10 men, when the side which has been responsible for the injury, if it were held to be deliberate, cashes in as it were, on its rivals' misfortune.

Somewhat I don't think anything of that kind would prove the real antidote to rough play. What so many people overlook is that frequently a side which has lost the services of one of its men manages to pull the game out of the fire.

Specific instances
Mr. Henderson quoted two specific instances in which that had not happened.

So often the remaining players of the weakened side pull out that little extra on such occasions, and, in addition, I am sure every one can recall instances where a damaged player to all intents and purposes a passenger has scored the winning goal.

YESTERDAY'S SOCCER RESULTS AT A GLANCE

FIRST DIVISION		
Club		South China
KMB	3	Police
Royal Navy	3	Kwong Wah

SECOND DIVISION		
Royal Navy	4	Yard Police
Solicitors	2	Taikoo
South China	2	Prison's

Interport boxing tournament

An Interport Boxing Tournament between Chinese boxers of Hong Kong and Canton will be staged at Caroline Hill on Saturday, commencing at 7.30 p.m. under the auspices of the South China Athletic Association and Johnny Lai's Gym.

Main event on the programme of seven events will be the bout between Johnny Lai, the Hong Kong Champion, and Peter Fong, who has made a name for himself in Burma, Malaya and Canton.

The following is the programme:

1. Tse Kai-chi v Chan Cheuk-Kai
2. Cheung Chi-wah v Tse Kai-chi
3. Fong Ki-kong v Luk Fun
4. Yeung Ka-tsol v Henry Hung
5. Liu Hong-kong v Li Ka-puk
6. Chung Fook-lun v Albert Hung
7. Johnny Lai v Peter Fong

In addition to the seven boxing events, a wrestling contest will also feature the programme.

HKFC LAWN BOWLS GREEN OPENING

The Hong Kong Football Club Lawn Bowls Green will open on Wednesday, March 28, when a Waplinshaw Competition for members will be played, commencing 5.15 p.m.

BILLIARDS

Chung Sing beat Police Reserve in the Billiards League last night by three matches to two and by 654 to 603 points. By their victory, Chung Sing won all three points.

None of the batting leaders connected for a single safe-hit last week, and the top perch is now held by Madcapper Rennie Teague who has completed his fixtures.

It seems from this corner that the other contestants for the title will suffer further, as they have to play off a six-game series against the team of the circuit. A revised programme for the remainder of the season has been circulated to managers, and in view of the short time available for completing the season's fixtures, managers should note that no further postponements will be considered.

Programme cramped

With an all-time record number of participating teams this year, the programme has been cramped, and this has been commented by followers of the game.

An anonymous fan has forwarded some concrete proposals for the next season, all of which have been covered in the pre-season managers' meeting, and the current programme was drawn up in accordance with their wishes.

Full programme for the week is as follows:

MEN'S SENIOR LEAGUE
Saturday: CBA Ground
3.34 p.m. Jaguars v Americans (Pink Empire: Don Robbins, scorer Samot Samy).

Sunday: CBA Ground
11.00 a.m. St. Joseph's v Braves (Pink Empire: Buster Holland, scorer Wanda Rodriques).

MEN'S JUNIOR LEAGUE
Saturday: CBA Ground
2.15 p.m. Jaguars v Aces (Dany Izat and Roberto Nunes).

LADIES SENIOR LEAGUE
Saturday: Recrolo F/B Ground
3.45 p.m. Firelvs v Candians (Leticia Castro and Bimbi Abiong).

LADIES JUNIOR LEAGUE
Sunday: CBA Ground
3.30 p.m. White Fangs v St. Teresa (Rennie Segulera and Bim Abiong).

INTER-HONG LEAGUE
Saturday: CBA Ground
2.10 p.m. Civil Service v Caltex (Bob Henderson and Tony Kwok).

Sunday: CBA Ground
12.30 p.m. Shell v Union Insurance (Jindoo Hussain and Rennie Barretto).

Recreo F/B Ground
3.30 p.m. St. Joseph v Mercantile Bank (Frank Correa and Bernard Silva).

MIDNIGHT LEAGUE
Sunday: CBA Ground
9.30 a.m. Police v Black Arrows (Bob Henderson).

A Royal win at Hurst Park



Monaveen (left) and Inverloch, taking the last jump in the Williamson Handicap Steeplechase at Hurst Park. Monaveen, which won the event by a length from Inverloch, is the Royal Family's hope for the forthcoming Grand National. (Associated Press Photo).

Softball:

Important fixtures on week-end programme

(By "GRANDSTAND")

This work's programme features several important games, and the Ladies Junior League champions may be decided, as St. Teresa's leading by a full game, take on White Fangs. In the Senior League play-off, Jaguars meet Americans on Saturday, while St. Joseph's clash with Braves. The Men's Junior loop fixtures will be completed on Saturday, when the Jaguar Cubs meet the Aces.

Recreo F/B Ground
9.30 a.m. Mohawks v Delaware (Fred Diesta).
11.00 a.m. Salts v Bluebirds (Igmur Erikson).
12.30 p.m. Aces v Blackhaws (A. Tipe).
2.00 p.m. Falcons v Lions (R. Ribeiro).
Latest batting averages, including games of 19.5.50:

MEN'S SENIOR LEAGUE		
Ron Sequiera	15	34 23 426
Spiky Gutierrez	14	43 18 419
Tony Osmund	14	42 17 405
Igmur Erikson	14	49 19 388
Eric Guest	10	67 22 386

LADIES JUNIOR LEAGUE		
C. Arnulphy	10	36 15 417
G. Silva	10	32 13 408
Carmen Souza	9	34 12 355
Lella Gao	9	37 12 324
V. Gonsales	9	23 7 288

MEN'S JUNIOR LEAGUE		
Joey Grant	15	32 21 404
Ed Remedios	15	64 25 391
Antonio Gutierrez	15	66 25 379
Harold Ong	13	65 24 360
Eddie Loureiro	15	57 21 360

CRUSADERS HOCKEY XI

The following are representing the Crusaders in a hockey match against Shell Sports Club at the Spokunpo ground today, 5.30 p.m.
J. Dick, J. W. Cairns, S. A. Colaco, P. R. Rogi, J. D. Macle, M. A. R. Lovatt, J. Allman, A. W. Levett, J. P. O'Discoll, P. Gibbons, A. Stewart.

KCC CRICKET TEAM

The following have been selected to represent the Kowloon Cricket Club 1st XI in a League cricket match against Royal Air Force at Cox's Road, on Saturday, March 25, commencing at 1.45 p.m.

R. E. Lee, W. H. Colledge, W. M. Davidson, F. R. Kerman, J. Lerou, C. P. Smith, A. Zimmern, N. Hart-Baker, J. V. Sellow, R. A. Bell and E. C. Tinsler.

RECREIO 2ND XI

The following have been selected to represent the Club in a Second Division League cricket match against King George V School at King's Park on Saturday, March 25, commencing at 1.45 p.m.
A. E. Noronha (Captain), A. J. Prata, D. E. Remedios, C. A. Gutierrez, R. M. L. Soares, A. R. Osmund, R. A. A. Remedios, A. A. Remedios, R. M. Soares, E. J. Noronha and J. A. Tyronov.

Golf:

Ladies Section of RHKGC enjoys successful year

Both Club Houses at Fanling were filled to capacity for the Ladies Spring Meeting held on Monday and Tuesday of this week. Entries reached a new record when 56 members entered for the Bogey Competition played on the second morning.

Many good cards were returned during the Meeting and consequently handicaps were lowered accordingly.

Short approaching and putting was done on Tuesday afternoon, after which Mrs. F. D. Hunter, Captain, presented the prizes.

Those receiving Cups and prizes were:

Ladies Club Championship—Mrs. A. Piercy.
Bronze Div. Championship—Mrs. A. Dawson Grove.
Silver Div. runner-up—Mrs. A. Adamson.
Taggart Cup winner—Mrs. F. D. Hunter.
Taggart Cup runner-up—Mrs. A. Piercy.
Railway Cup winner—Mrs. Fote Hunt.
Railway Cup runner-up—Mrs. M. Elliot.
Moss Cup winner—Mrs. A. Shuman (who has gone on Home Leave).

Rose Cup runner-up—Mrs. A. Piercy.
Captain's Cup winner—Mrs. J. B. Mackie.
Captain's Cup runner-up—Mrs. S. Audroff.

The matches for the above named Cups have been played over the past two months. Running competitions were held throughout the season were won by:

Eclectic—Mrs. J. Wal.
Bogey—Mrs. Fote Hunt.
Bogey runner-up—Mrs. M. Elliot.
Christmas Medal—Mrs. H. Mundy.
Sunday Medal—Mrs. D. L. Prophet.
February Medal—Mrs. R. Arkecol winner.
Mrs. A. S. Adamson runner up.

Spring Meeting winners
Winners of events played at the Spring Meeting were as follows:

Best Scratch Score Silver Division Mrs. A. E. G. Haig.
Best Nett Score Silver Division Mrs. W. N. A. Smalley; after a tie with Mrs. K. S. Robertson.

Successful year
Mrs. Hunter, in her Captain's Speech, reviewed the successful year the Ladies Section has had and thanked all members for helping to make the meeting such a success.

She voiced the feeling of all in thanking Mrs. Piercy for her work as Handicap Manager and regret in knowing she would be leaving the Colony very soon.

Mrs. Hunter proposed a vote of thanks to Mrs. R. R. Coombs, the Honorary Secretary of the Ladies Section and Mrs. Strickland spoke for the members in thanking the Ladies Committee for a successful and pleasant Golfing Season.

After presentation of the prizes, tea was served in the Ladies Club House.

Although this Meeting officially closes the Cup Competitions at Fanling, the L.G.U. Monthly Medal on the first Tuesday of each month as well as the Monthly qualifying rounds for the Captain's meeting—at Fanling will continue.

On the Third Thursday, April 20, Mr. King will be held; the Competition will be announced later.

The Summer Season will start at Deep Water Bay in April. Fixtures will also be announced early next month.

Tennis final set today

The Colony Grasscourt Singles tennis final between Inverloch and Taut Wal-wai-pul, which was to be played yesterday was called off on account of the rain. The match will instead take place this afternoon starting at 4.30 p.m.

The Doubles final has been put forward to Friday.

EXHIBITION BASEBALL

New York, March 21. Exhibition baseball results: Philadelphia (National) 14, Cincinnati (National) 4. New York (American) 4, Boston (National) 2. Baltimore (International) 6, Philadelphia (American) 4. Detroit (American) 11, Boston (American) 5. Brooklyn (National) 5, Fort Worth (Texas) 4. Pittsburgh (National) 4, New York (National) 3. St. Louis (American) 1, Cleveland (American) 6.—Associated Press.

Yachting jottings:

Vanessa wins third Dragon series race

(By "MAINSHEET BLOCK")

With the very light winds of the week-end, few races started and only one finished. After a start in the Dragon Class, Vanessa got on a beat to No. 2 buoy, while the remainder, on or away from the line, began to run with sagging spinnakers to Channel Rocks.

The run, as the wind changed, became a beat and was followed by a run to H.W.D.2, a reach to far APC and a run home.

Vanessa maintained her lead throughout, while the remainder, with varying puffs, changed places.

The Cruiser race, which should have started on Sunday morning, was postponed. It will be sailed over the same course on Sunday, April 2.

The team race between the Commodore and the International will be re-called on April 30.

Next Sunday's race will be between Army "A" and Army "B" teams.

Novices

Summer Time will be starting on April 2 and with it, sailing on week-day evenings.

On Thursday evenings there will be a series dinghy and star race.

Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday will be instruction evenings for the many novices who wish to learn to sail.

Tuesday, in particular, will be a night when there will be a race for those who want it and later a discussion ashore on sailing or other points of interest, particularly the VNA rules. It is hoped that all novices will come down as often as possible. To make organization easier, a list will be put up in the Club for novices and another for those very necessary people—those who will volunteer to instruct.

Results

The following are the results of last week's Dragon Series race:
Saturday, March 18.
1st—Dragon Championship Series Race.
1st—Vanessa (Sedgewick) 2.37.17 (2083).
2nd—Betsey (Dany) 2.37.17 (2083).
3rd—Linda (Machay) 2.39.10 (2083).
4th—Veronica 11 (Mrs. Mallory) 2.40.22 (2074).
5th—Zorro (Kratshmar) 2.53.23 (1994).
6th—Highwayman (Mack) 2.57.25 (2107).
7th—Rosaalca (Danko) 2.57.25 (2107).
8th—Follin (Van Heel) 2.57.25 (2107).

Strikers clash with police in Italy

Rome, March 22.

The police fired into the air to drive off a Communist mob advancing on the Italian Foreign Office today in the most serious incident of the 12-hour general strike. The flurry occurred in downtown Rome at noon.

The Italian Government sent 144,000 police and Carabinieri into the big cities. In Rome they drove back crowds attempting to stage demonstrations in the squares using fire hoses effectively.

There was no serious violence but Communist strikers stoned street cars, overturned jeeps carrying police and fought with their fists against office workers and shop clerks going to their jobs.

There were reports of other use of guns in other cities but no reports of deaths.

At Bologna 30 demonstrators and three policemen were injured slightly when the police broke up a parade. Guards were sent to Bologna University where the Communists tried to persuade students to strike.—United Press.

Private wires from the French news agency AFP, dated March 22, said that the general strike in France had been called off.

Peking Radio on arrest of S'pore editor

San Francisco, March 22.

Peking Radio today protested against the arrest of a Chinese editor in Singapore, and said Peking Press circles were paying close attention to the arrest and detention of Mr. Chu Chi-cho, editor of the Singapore "Nan Chiau Jit Pao."

The broadcast said: "A report on the matter was received by the Commission of the Central People's Government. Recently pressure was brought to bear to get the paper print anti-Soviet anti-Communist, anti-popular handouts of the British government. This the paper refused to do."

"The unwarranted arrest... proves the representatives of the British imperialism in Singapore are intensifying their persecution of overseas Chinese in the area and are ready to trample on freedom of speech and of person."—United Press.

FINAL PRACTICE GAME FOR SCHOOLBOYS

The Hong Kong Schoolboys' Interport soccer team, which will be leaving for Manila on Thursday, March 30, for the Interport and games against various schools in the Philippines, will have its last practice game on Sunday, March 26, at Catagway Bay, at 10.30 a.m.

Their opponents will be the Kit Chee and Kit, but several of the senior team may also be included in the side.